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Allied Planes Pound German Armor; Americans Pay for Overconfidence; U. S. Speeds War Aid in Three Moves

Washington intent on diplomatic unity, aid for Europe, and gain in tire output.

By Roscoe Drummond
Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—The impact of the war's critical military and political developments were reflected in three directions in the American Capital today.

The mission, to regain Anglo-American diplomatic unity, on which Richard K. Law, British Parliamentary Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is in Washington is making slow but real headway, and at this stage is dealing with the practical problem of how to get more civilian supplies into liberated Europe—Belgium, Holland, Italy and Greece—as the first step toward political stability.

While it remains conceivable that the Nazi counterattack may overreach itself and so ultimately prove a fatal gamble, American military sources are agreed that under the weight of the present German offensive virtually all prospect of an Allied victory in Europe this winter is vanishing.

To step up the output of military tires to meeting the mounting need of American forces on the Western Front, passenger-car tire production for the first quarter of 1945 will be reduced by 1,665,000 to a total of 5,000,000.

Action on Shipping

There developed a sound prospect today of important accomplishments coming from Mr. Law's presence in Washington.

The immediate purpose of the talks with Anthony Eden's first assistant is to open up means—which actually involves prying loose a little extra shipping—to get food, clothing, fuel and some raw materials into the areas of Europe out of which the Nazis have already been driven, because it is the hard plight of the freed populations which lies behind the acute unrest.

These practical problems have put a greater strain on Allied diplomacy in these countries than any political differences between America and Britain.

In order that President Roosevelt may keep in the closest touch with the negotiations, Harry L. Hopkins, it was learned today, is serving as head of the group of American officials who are conferring with Mr. Law and his colleagues.

The effect of the German counteroffensive undoubtedly complicates the urgent relief problem. The most candid military judg-

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By a Staff Artist

German Drive Continues

White arrows show main spearheads of the German offensive on the Western Front and their last reported positions. Shaded bars and black arrows show how American pressure is being exerted against the flanks of the German salient.

Power of Nazi attack in West came apparently as surprise to Allied Command.

The Week at War

By Joseph C. Harsch
Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

This week an American army in Europe paid a heavy price for the overconfidence which all last summer and fall spread through American thinking and affected even the judgment of men at the front.

Field Marshal Gen. Gerd von Rundstedt massed behind the Western Front a bigger body of mobile reserves than our intelligence had detected or our generals had expected. It was equipped with more tanks than we credited the Germans with having. It also was equipped with large numbers of rocket-launching devices which proved suddenly to be a heavier war factor than our own planners had anticipated. And its men were imbued with a greater offensive zeal than our own estimates of a war-weary, nearly exhausted Germany encompassed.

Taking these assets and using them with an audacity which scarcely would have been credited as possible an hour before it happened, Marshal von Rundstedt drove a wide swath through the lightly held American line from Monschau to Trier.

How far it has gone by this time we do not know. But we do know that it went fast enough and far enough in the first five days to wreck whatever plans Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower may have had for an early and major attempt to break through the German West Wall.

American reserves behind the United States Ninth and Third Armies have wheeled into a new front facing the flanks of the German penetration. The Allied Western Front is defending now, not attacking. The initiative is in the hands of the canny Prussian whom Hitler had been forced reluctantly to recall to the command in the West after the abysmal failure of his own favorite, General Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, in Normandy.

Two Major Mistakes

The Germans had underestimated Allied power, mechanical ingenuity, and audacity in Normandy in June. It was the Americans in December who underestimated German power, mechanical ingenuity, and audacity.

Whether a comparable price will be paid for this second great mistake remains to be decided on the battlefield. In all reasonable probability it will end only as a local German success, gaining nothing more than a few weeks or months of time before the end. It could even become a fearful German disaster because it remains at this moment possible for the Ninth and Third Army reserves to close the gap behind Germany's last army of maneuver. If that should happen, Marshal von Rundstedt's gamble would prove to be an act of supreme folly which would assure a quicker, more decisive German defeat than could have come by any other means.

Certainly the place chosen for the German effort was determined by Allied weakness on the front at that point, not by the opportunities it offered for inflicting a major disaster on Allied arms. The United States Ninth, British Second, and Canadian First Armies

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Moscow says 101 Nazi tanks have been destroyed; B-29's again bomb Nagoya plants.

By the War Editor of The Christian Science Monitor
From Associated Press And other direct news dispatches

Allied air power is striking smashing blows under clearing skies against forward-moving German armor in Belgium. First reports indicate that serious damage may have been done to the German offensive.

Details of the fighting still are scarce, but this, roughly, appears to be the situation:

The German drive has been slowed, but not stopped. Some Nazi armored units have reached St. Hubert in the Ardennes Forest, 40 miles west of the offensive's starting point, after entering the communications center of Bastogne. Another spearhead has pushed through southern Luxemburg to Arlon, about 30 miles from Sedan, gateway to France.

Losses in men and matériel are high on both sides. An American force in the Bastogne area has been surrounded and its fate is unknown. Increasingly strong pressure is being brought to bear against both the northern and southern flanks of the German salient by United States First and Third Army troops respectively.

Thus all signs indicate the German offensive has reached the climactical stage. The first phase is over; now comes success or failure. Marshal von Rundstedt definitely has broken through the First Army. But in order to exploit this breakthrough he must do one of two things, i. e., mount a **powerful new frontal attack** which will carry him to Sedan and the Meuse or perhaps through the key American position at Liege, or else lash out laterally in twin efforts to relieve the growing threats to his flanks.

Nothing has happened so far to indicate that he has enough forces at his disposal to carry either of these operations through to a successful conclusion.

Marshal von Rundstedt is following the same strategical and tactical pattern he used in breaking through to Sedan and Liege in 1940. But he faces a vastly different situation now than then. In 1940, the great American armies were still unformed, and the French and British armies were stunned and disorganized. This time he confronts well organized, determined forces considerably stronger than his own.

Meanwhile, a Moscow disclosure that 101 German tanks have been destroyed in a 24-hour period on the Eastern Front gives strong support to German reports that the Red Army has launched a winter offensive. The scene of the tank destruction is not given, but there is good reason to suspect it may be in Latvia, where the Germans are estimated to have a force as large, if not larger, than their army now driving forward in the West.

Some military men apparently think it may be weeks or months before a Russian offensive can produce an appreciable effect on the Western Front because of the careful manner in which the Germans have "budgeted" their men and matériel, but this remains to be seen.

In the war against Japan, B-29's have carried out another successful raid on Japanese aircraft factories at Nagoya, 165 miles southeast of Tokyo, and on Leyte, General MacArthur's forces are hot on the heels of enemy troops retreating toward Palompon. On Mindoro Island, American troops have yet to encounter ground opposition.

Western Front:

German armor has slashed 15 miles due west of the surrounded town of Bastogne and by noon Dec.

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Workers' Earnings Soar; War-Housing Use Mounts; Nazi-Atrocity Book Grows

The World's Day—December 23, 1944

Boston: Manufacturing Workers' Earnings Soar

Earnings of workers employed in manufacturing throughout Massachusetts have almost doubled since the war in Europe began, records of the State Department of Labor disclosed. [Page 2.]

For meritorious participation in the Greenland capture of the Nazi trawler Externstein, Lieut. Commander R. W. Butcher, skipper of the Coast Guard cutter Northland, received the Legion of Merit award at Constitution Base, Boston. Commodore W. N. Derby, district Coast Guard officer, made the presentation.

Washington: War-Housing Use Hits New Peak

Use of family dwellings in completed active war-housing projects of the Federal Public Housing Authority has reached the highest point since the beginning of the war-housing program, the FPHA announced. [Page 12.]

In an attempt to boost output, WPB placed certain sizes of infants' and children's shoes on the critical-products list. The action covers infants' sizes 4½ to 8 and children's sizes 8½ to 12.

Resignation of Ivan Burdick as Director of its Food Rationing Division was announced by the OPA. Mr. Burdick, whose home is in New Milford, Conn., will leave his office at the end of this month to return to private industry. His successor has not been named.

Europe: Soviets Uncover More Nazi Atrocities

New atrocity disclosures were made by the Moscow Radio, which said an extraordinary Soviet commission had established that nearly 700,000 persons, including some Americans and British from German prison camps, were tortured and slain in the Nazi extermination camp at Lwow, Poland. The radiocast said an additional 200,000 persons were killed in another Nazi camp at Janow. And that children were slaughtered in target practice.

French Empire-wide purchases of "National Liberation" bonds totaled 155,000,000,000 francs ($3,100,000,000). Finance Minister René Pleven announced. He compared it with the 1918 liberation loan which drew only 22,200,000,000 francs.

Angelo Chiappe, former Prefect of the Gard Department, was sentenced to execution for collusion with the enemy, the French Agency reported. He is the brother of Jean Chiappe, former Paris police chief.

Dr. Krupp von Bohlen, head of the Krupp armament firm, and one of his two daughters, together with her husband, have been arrested by the Nazi authorities for defeatist utterances, travelers from Germany said in Switzerland.

In northern Norway, the Germans are carrying off or destroying all food and burning buildings as they retreat. In that subpolar climate, "indescribable suffering" has result ti, Wilhelm Morgenstierne, Norwegian Ambassador to Washington, disclosed.

Roberto Farinacci, former member of Italy's Fascist Grand Council and editor of the newspaper Regime Fascista, was said by Berlin radio reports to have been killed in an accident. No substantiating details were given.

World Jewish Congress, meeting in Switzerland announced that 600,000 Jews were deported from Hungary during the past two months, with some going to compulsory labor in Germany but most of them being sent to the Auschwitz extermination camp.

National: Governors' Conference Set for July

The 1945 National Governors' Conference will convene next July 1 to 4 at Mackinac Island, Gov. Harry F. Kelly of Michigan announced.

Hundreds of soldiers recently returned from overseas are being sped through the New York Port of Embarkation so they may reach their homes in time for Christmas, Maj. Gen. Homer N. Groninger, Commanding General of the Port, said.

Lack of suitable ships for coastwise shipping is an obstacle requiring immediate attention, the Boston Port Authority disclosed. [Page 5.]

A measure to protect farm laborers who cannot collect pay from their employers has been filed with the Bay State Legislature by the Department of Labor and Industries, Raymond F. O'Connell, Counsel for the Department, announced. [Page 5.]

How You Can Spot Army's Super Rank

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 23

The five-star insignia of the newly established rank of General of the Army is arranged in a circle.

A War Department announced yesterday described the insignia as follows:

"Five silver five-pointed stars, each star three eighths on an inch in diameter, fastened together in a circle, the inner points touching. The surface of the stars to be plain, raised, and grounded."

N. E. Survey To Set Goals For Housing

By W. Clifford Harvey
Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Anticipating an immediate postwar demand to raise living standards for thousands of returning servicemen and their families, Sumner K. Wiley, Regional Director of the Federal Public Housing Agency, today announced the launching of an all-New England survey designed to set the sights of future government-sponsored housing on the target of soundly-established needs.

Machinery is already in motion, the Director revealed, to find out what part of New England's 43,000 war housing units can be converted to low-cost, postwar slum clearance purposes, the proportion of families now living in war housing who would like to stay where they are and the specific postwar needs of New England communities for new housing subsidized by government.

Of the 43,286 war housing units scattered throughout New England today, nearly 18,500 are of permanent construction, hence must be worked in some way into the Government's postwar pattern of slum clearance. Some 10,000 family units taken from the prewar, low-rent slum clearance projects for purposes of housing war workers must also be fitted into the postwar housing scheme. Virtually all of the remaining 15,000 units built during the war are temporary, and will be automatically removed within the first two years of peace.

Only Small Part

Disposal of this war housing is only a small part of the study engineered by Federal agencies, according to Mr. Wiley. The plan calls for interviewing those now living in war housing, to find means of improving government units, for ascertaining the needs of individual communities for future homes, and for discovering proper rent levels for postwar government housing to avoid competition with private rentals.

Fall River and New Bedford, Mass., Hartford, Conn., and Newport, R. I., are the farthest ad-

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Rhine Plants Still Hum; 'Fifth Column' Returns

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 23 — An important contributory factor in the early success of the German counteroffensive has undoubtedly been the continued usefulness of Germany's principal weapon forge immediately behind the battle line on the lower Rhine.

The sprawling industrial area, which includes such cities as Essen, Cologne, and Duisburg, has been subjected to repeated heavy bombings for almost four years.

Why has it been able to continue functioning?

An observer who has recently returned to Switzerland from this region believes it is due mainly to two factors—indigenous German organizing ability and the Gestapo.

Well Organized

Every resident of this section, he says, belongs to some sort of organization. This, together with Gestapo terror, has been why they have been unable to think of overthrowing their Government by force. They are too busy.

Even before the war, in 1938 and 1939, huge charts and maps showed the population of this region how vulnerable it was to air attacks and how it could best be protected. People here have had years of practice in air warfare to learn the methods.

After an aerial attack, the first organization on the scene is the SHD or Sicherheitsdienst (security police).

Its members wear a gray uniform with armband. They rescue persons from cellars of burning houses and apply first aid. They are always on duty. If there is no attack in their home city, they rush to neighboring cities under assault.

Their numbers have been increased and they are seen throughout this region. Duisburg alone has estimated 10,000 members.

On Scene Quickly

Organization Todt is also quickly at the scene of destruction. Fifty per cent of the organization's members are foreign workers in Duisburg. The Germans wear brown uniforms with a swastika. Organization Todt is an Army construction organization which repairs the most needed buildings, roads, and railways.

Civilian houses are not repaired. Civilians usually gather bricks and boards and build themselves shelters. Specialists in many occupa-

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LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—English-speaking German women, equipped with knives, are being dropped by parachute inside the American lines, according to the Daily Telegraph's Paris correspondent, who quoted "reports from an area near the First Army Front."

Seven are said to have been arrested and to have confessed that their mission was to kill American soldiers.

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—It well may be that the Germans who succeeded in outwitting the Allied High Command and in breaching American battle lines have still other disagreeable surprises in store.

Numerous reports received here from France indicate increasing organized activity on the part of Nazi agents in interior France. These agents of German or French nationality either were left behind when the bulk of the German armies were forced to retreat or were parachuted from German planes shortly before the beginning of the current offensive.

Some of these agents, but by no means all, have been rounded up by French police and by the French Forces of the Interior. Airborne members of Joseph Darnand's Vichy Militia, especially trained for sabotage purposes in

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Metal Kneaded Like Dough In Modern Vulcan's Forge

By Neal Stanford
Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 23—Vulcan's cavernous workshop of Greek mythology has nothing on Alcoa's (Aluminum Company of America) forge shop here. The thunderous pounding of mammoth presses, the thick steaming fog hanging heavily over all, the flashes of fire as 3,000-ton hammers drop with lightning speed on chunks of aluminum, stamping out airplane engines and propellers, give an atmosphere out of this world. And moving swiftly and expertly through fog of escaping steam, expert blacksmiths work unfalteringly with a cosmic rhythm.

These massive 30-foot-high presses, that work the raw aluminum much as a youngster plays with clay, either smash the silvery blocks or billets into shape with one or two earth-shaking blows or press them into desired formation with irresistible force. Both methods appear almost unbelievable.

This pressing the aluminum or kneading it into shape, which reminds one of a housewife kneading dough, has to be seen to be believed. A large iron claw, like the arm of a mechanical Paul Bunyan, reaches into an oven and pulls out a 650-pound chunk of aluminum, possibly two feet high and one foot square. Then with the ease of a cat it lays it between the jaws of the press. Right before your eyes, as the 3,000-ton pressure is applied, you see that hefty block of aluminum shrink in height, expand in the middle. The upper jaw lifts and the aluminum mass is turned first on one side then another as the presses knead and mold it.

Experts say it takes three times as much force to work aluminum this way as it does steel, the force apparently being in inverse proportion to the weight. The modulus of elasticity is somehow involved. After a dozen or so kneadings, the jaws give it a final punch that leaves it about half its original height and looking more like an

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Scobie Gets E. L. A. S. Reply To Terms for Greek Peace

ATHENS, Dec. 23 (AP)—Lieut. Gen. R. M. Scobie, British commander in Greece, last night received a reply from the Left-wing E. L. A. S. group to the British terms for the cessation of hostilities. The E. L. A. S. answer is reported to be a new three-point proposal and was signed by three members of the E. L. A. S. committee.

The E. L. A. S. message—delayed for four days because of the heavy street fighting—is being considered at British Headquarters. It will take considerable time to translate the lengthy letter, it was said.

A 25-minute truce silenced a section of Athens while an E. L. A. S. messenger delivered the reply to General Scobie.

Meanwhile, Gen. Napoleon Zervas, chief of the Rightist E. D. E. S., charged that 15,000 to 20,000 E. L. A. S. were invading his territory in Epirus, but the Greek Capital itself was quieter yesterday as British mopping-up operations continued. A British officer, commenting on the situation said, "We have rounded a difficult corner."

Tanks patrolled the Omonia Square region. An officer building in that area—a favorite snipers' position—was set afire.

As E. L. A. S.-British negotiations continued, the Papandreou Government denied a report that King George had communicated any decision on the regency question.

The new E. L. A. S. truce proposal was unofficially understood to agree to General Scobie's terms, including disarmament and withdrawal of E. L. A. S. forces from Athens and all Attica, providing there would be a simultaneous formation of a new government.

It was understood that the E. L. A. S. would propose to disarm to an Anglo-Greek commission, rather than to the British forces with which they have been engaged in bitter fighting.

Meanwhile, a tentative acceptance of a regency was made by Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens in an interview with the newspaper Elephteria.

The Archbishop said, "I believe the idea of state may be strengthened and this should be the main idea of a regency. I, therefore, consider I have no right to turn a deaf ear to the voice of my country."

G. I.'s to Mend British Houses

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

LONDON, Dec. 23—G. I. Joes are to help mend Britain's bomb-damaged houses for the winter. Some 3,000 skilled American sappers are to patch broken roofs so that "relatively few" British families have to eat their Christmas dinner amid the discomforts of a leaky house.

This announcement by Duncan Sandys, new Minister of Works, in the House of Commons on Dec. 7 was received with cheers. "I am sure," he said, "that members will wish to express their warm thanks for this very welcome aid and for the feelings of friendship and sympathy which have inspired it."

This latest development of Lend-Lease was received with even more enthusiasm in the rain-sodden, wind-swept homes of southern England. The repair of 919,000 houses puts a considerable strain on the diminished ranks of Britain's building trade operatives.

Repair has been made a first priority. More than one third of the building labor of the country has been called on for repair work since last September. Even so Mr. Sandys had to admit that in 41 boroughs, one in every 10 damaged roofs was still letting in rain. With the help of 3,000 skilled American technicians Mr. Sandys expressed the hope that, apart from new damage, "relatively few" roofs of occupied houses will remain unrepaired by Christmas.

American troops who are to work in badly-blitzed metropolitan boroughs have been drawn from the Engineer Corps and other specialized branches. They are to be organized into flying repair squads under their own officers. They are paid, transported and fed by American Army authorities.

"Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's practical expression of his desire that the American Army should take a share in the work of mending London will be warmly appreciated," the Ministry of Works official said. "Men of our own fighting services already have taken a hand in the work and the contribution to be made by this large properly balanced, trained force of Americans will be considerable."

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Christmas

All editions of THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR will be omitted on Dec. 25, a legal holiday.

'Men at Work' No Joke as Dads Go Shopping

By a Staff Artist

'It's Not Santa Claus—It's Father'

By Everett M. Smith
Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Papa's buying the weekly groceries.

"Men at Work" signs have not been posted yet in neighborhood grocery stores. But, it's a fact, more men than ever are doing the family food shopping. New York City places the figure at 25 per cent above the prewar level. New Englanders smile—and are inclined to scoff. Perhaps it's the more rugged Pilgrim stock; but, they claim that in this area the figure is nearer 40 per cent.

Pop's the Grocer's Wagon

There are many reasons, most of them, attributable to wartime stresses. For one thing, deliveries have been curtailed in some stores by as much as 80 or 90 per cent. Youngsters who used to tote a box of groceries around the corner to Mrs. Mills or up the street for Mrs. Richardson are necessary in the store today, stocking shelves—even waiting on customers.

So, Pop becomes the grocer's wagon. Loaded to the ears with bursting bags, with his pockets stuffed with cans and boxes of cereal, and with both arms holding on for dear life as canned goods threaten to slip out from under,

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Many G. I.'s Plan to Farm Or Set Up Small Business

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—One enlisted man out of every eight plans, on being discharged from the Army, to operate a business or farm of his own, according to a survey among troops in the United States and overseas theaters.

Seven per cent of the men now in the Army have definite plans for operating a business, 5 per cent plan to operate farms. For the most part they are interested primarily in relatively small enterprises, with half of those having definite plans saying they will invest $4,000 or less.

Among those who have definite plans for business or farming, 42 per cent had previously been independent operators, an additional 45 per cent had worked as employees in the same line of work they plan to enter. Only 13 per cent had had no previous experience.

In addition to the 12 per cent of soldiers who have definite plans, businesses or farms of their own, another 6 per cent are definitely interested in such prospects but are not as certain. Still another 25 per cent have vague plans or hopes for enterprises of their own, but also are considering other possibilities after discharge, including working for some employer in business or industry, working for

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War Workers' Pay in Bay State Is Nearly Double That of 1939

By Frederick W. Carr
Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Earnings of the workers employed in manufacturing throughout Massachusetts have almost doubed since the war in Europe began, records of the State Department of Labor and Industries disclosed today. As against the 1939 state-wide average of $22.50 a week, last month workers received an average of $43.91.

The highest earnings ever recorded in the history of Massachusetts industry came last May, according to the monthly survey of the Department's Division of Statistics. The industrial wage earner's income then climbed to $44.34. While small decreases followed, the average pay envelope of the past month had 42 cents more in it than in January.

The low month, August, with $42.92 still ran $20 better than the average five years ago.

But 45,000 or more persons who drew pay at the start of the year failed to at its close. That is the number shown in the surveys to have dropped out of manufacturing. Probably there were more. In its last report the State covered 2,085 of the leading concerns with 488,186 employees, about three quarters of the total.

Most of the 45,000 seem to have been war workers. Few of them went over into civilian industry, for no substantial increases in less essential manufacturing show up. Nearly all of the 45,000 simply vanished from the industrial labor market, State officials find. Apparently the majority went back into their homes, and the small balance found jobs outside of manufacturing.

In short, Massachusetts lost 8.4 per cent of its industrial work force from mid-January to mid-November, the last available date.

The disappearance of so many workers put a cut of nearly $1,500,000 a month in the total wages paid. This decline amounts to 6.4 per cent. The last total weekly pay roll aggregated $21,434,718.

However, fewer workers dropped out of industry last month than in most months of the year. Only 613 left. In July 15,307 pulled out.

The localities where the principal declines in employment have been felt are the Worcester and Springfield areas. Worcester shows a decrease of several thousand, as does Springfield.

It has been heavy industry in these communities, particularly machine tools and accessories, that has gone off. This one line shows a dip in employment of 17.5 per cent since January.

Boston, on the contrary, has held up well. It has not had as much metal manufacturing for war purposes as other communities.

Inspector's Son Honored

Customs inspectors are proud of their co-worker, Inspector Albert E. Martel, of Allston, whose fourth son to enter the armed service of his country has just graduated from the Kingman Army Air Field Flexible Gunnery School in Arizona and has been awarded silver gunnery wings.

BOSTON Music Co.
116-122 Boylston Street
Near Colonial Theatre

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vanced in this study, Mr. Wiley disclosed. By the middle of January, he said, New England should be well equipped with the data necessary for an intelligent, business-like attack upon postwar housing needs, and for gauging the role the Federal Government must assume in meeting these needs.

In Newport, the wartime activities surrounding the Naval Base there have boosted the population to 45,000 from peacetime levels of 30,000. To provide for the 15,000 increase, Newport has built 538 permanent family housing units, 105 temporary units, 204 dormitory-type units for women, and obtained 262 units for war workers from pre-war slum clearance projects.

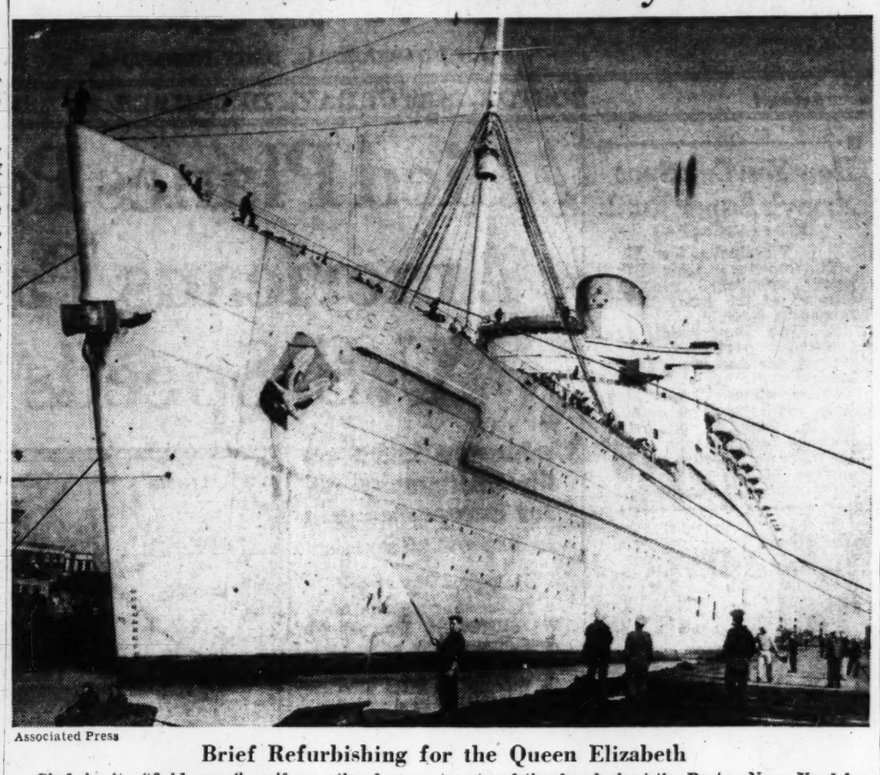
Newport's problem is typical of many New England communities where war workers have settled in great numbers. Yet the local problem, as described by William J. Donovan, newly elected President of the Newport Chamber of Commerce, is wrapped up within the issue of what happens to the huge naval base after the war, and hence is not quite as uncertain as that of dealing strictly with immigrant workers in a war material plant.

Likely to Expand

The probability that the United States will maintain vast naval forces after the war, and the fact that Newport is one of the biggest naval bases on the Atlantic coast, implied to Mr. Donovan that housing needs there would expand, rather than relax when peace returns. But in this expansion, he has set a top-rental figure of $30 a month on future government building to avoid competition with private enterprise.

"Experience has proven," he said, "that private enterprise can build respectable housing for rents no lower than $38 per month for a family unit. But to allow for the possibility that private enterprise may do even better after the war, we are setting our sights for government housing at not higher than $30 per monthly rentals. This confines future government housing strictly to slum clearance, and gives private industry a chance to expand."

British Liner in Boston Dry Dock



Associated Press

Brief Refurbishing for the Queen Elizabeth

Clad in its "field gray" uniform, the former luxury liner of the Cunard fleet, now considered to be the largest troopship afloat in terms of tonnage, entered the dry dock at the Boston Navy Yard for reconditioning. This picture is one of very few released of 80,000-tonner since it entered war service.

'Men at Work' Is No Joke As Dads Do Family Shopping

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he arrives at home—but can't open the door. Help, Laura!

However, most grocers agree that it has been the scarcity of certain commodities which has tipped the shopping scales in favor of the men.

Mrs. Carr, unable to find any butter at her usual shopping place, or at the store across the street, and knowing that company is coming for dinner that night, phones hubby at the office. He sets out on a shopping tour.

Mrs. Bond looks in vain for a good piece of steak—then puts in a call for help from the man of the house. He's off, too.

Mrs. Harvey finds her grocer out of sugar. Another phone call, and he's on the path for the sweet.

The boss's wife would like to find a pound of bacon. He gets the call, but, being very busy at the moment delegates his secretary to drop into a few stores while on her lunch hour—but, that's another story. This story has to do with male shoppers.

Come Friday and Saturday

Messrs. Carr, Bond, and Harvey meet at the nearest market. Butter, steak, and sugar—well, perhaps not all the items are available, but "here's a nice piece of ham." And "just look at that cheese. Haven't had any cheese at our house for weeks." And, "look, they have bananas."

First thing one knows, these men have loaded up with a number of things needed at home. They just can't understand why the women folks make such a chore of the weekly grocery buying.

Then, come Friday or Saturday. With deliveries curtailed, and with no handy youngsters to help lug home the edibles—Leon is off to war; Alice is working after school now; Pearl's tending children for Mrs. Hughes, who is working in a war plant; and Burt and "Staff" are busy at the store counter — hubby's services are needed to cart home the food.

They Settle for Bologna

Many suburbanites have found their local stores short on many much-needed food items. So, before hubby leaves for the 8:10 in the morning, he gets a neat little shopping list: Meat, fish, cheese, butter (if you can get it), fresh vegetables, fruit—and the luggage rack on the 5:22 that night is strongly reminiscent of the old-time grocer's delivery wagon.

Also, with women substituting at meat counters for men who've gone to war, or who are now working in war plants, many husbands are a bit skeptical as to whether or not a "mere woman" can pick a decent piece of steak. Often, they're agreeably surprised. But—in any case, they'd just like to have a hand in selecting the week's roast. (Sounds good, anyway, even if they finally settle for bologna.)

"Let George Do It"

Then, again, men of late have become more food-conscious than ever. They know what they like to eat. And they are greatly fascinated by the array of available groceries.

"It's been a long time since Mon's made a mince pie," one murmurs as he spies a jar of mince meat on the shelf, and adds that to the list. And, "Umm!" How about a nice snack supper sometime, with sardines, pickles, olives, crackers, cream cheese—?" Before he knows it, he's loaded his basket with a dozen or more items that never saw the light of day on Mom's shopping list.

And Mom's so delighted with it all that she decides then and there to let hubby do the grocery shopping every week. He'll realize then just how difficult it is to get some things. And he'll know, too, just how much other things cost—in money and points—and have no reason to complain.

"Grocery shopping's fun," say those men who have just taken over the job. And those who have been doing it for years grin—agree!

Weather Predictions

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Cloudy, Continued Cold

Boston and Vicinity: Cloudy today and tonight. Continued quite cold, but with slightly higher temperatures. Highest today near 30 degrees, and lowest tonight about 28 degrees. Sunday, light snow, and moderately cold. Light winds.

Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island: Cloudy and quite cold today and tonight, but with slightly higher temperatures than yesterday and last night. Sunday light snow and continued moderately cold.

Eastport to Block Island: No warnings are being displayed.

High Tides at Boston

Saturday, 6:36 p. m., height 9.4 feet
Sunday, 7:10 a. m., height 9.8 feet
Sunday 7:38 p. m., height 9.3 feet
Monday, 8:09 a. m., height 10.1 feet

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Report Hits All but One Strayer Bid

Vigorous opposition to all but one of the 10 recommendations contained in the Strayer Survey's proposed legislative program was announced yesterday by the Board of Superintendents of the Boston Public Schools in a 21-page report to the School Committee.

"Thoroughly undemocratic and quite abhorrent to the genius and the statutes of the Commonwealth" is the way it characterizes what it calls the "fantastic recommendation" for the appointment of the School Committee by the Mayor from a slate of candidates nominated by a selected group of representative citizens.

The contingent proposal for a referendum and possible recall of School Committee members after two years of service is, in the opinion of the Board, "an ingenius device to deprive the people of their suffrage and yet give them the semblance of voting power."

Proposals Opposed

The Board of Superintendents puts itself on record as unequivocally opposed to the abolition of the Board of Commissioners of School Buildings or to any change in the law regarding its own status. It maintains that the Superintendent of Schools is already the executive officer of the School Committee in fact as well as name, and that, therefore, no legislation is needed to bring this about.

It opposes any change in the present office of Business Manager and deems it "unnecessary interference" with the authority of the School Committee to seek to fix by statute the duties of the Committee's Secretary.

It sees no need for making the Board of Examiners a statutory body, as is proposed by the Strayer Survey, nor does it believe any legislation is necessary regarding preparation and submission of the school budget. While it agrees with the Survey that preparation and passage of the budget is too long delayed, it feels that the present rules of the School Committee are adequate on this subject.

Special Commission

The only recommendation to which the Board "sees no objection" is the one calling upon the Legislature to establish a special commission to determine the proper division of responsibility as between the Commonwealth and the local school districts for the support of public education.

Besides objecting to the appointive method of selecting a school committee on the grounds that it deprives the people of their suffrage, the Board of Superintendents fears that the Strayer provision for unanimous indorsement of School Committee candidates by the nominating committee "will enable a Mayor who can control only one member of the nominating committee to block the will of the majority of the nominating committee."

"It is inconceivable, however," in the eyes of the Board, "that the Massachusetts Legislature, which has ever safeguarded the independence of school committees, will permit under any guise the control of a school committee by the Mayor of any city."

Deny Responsibility

The superintendents maintain that the division of authority between the Board of Commissioners of School Buildings and the School Committee is in no way responsible for the existence of old school buildings in Boston, and that the Commissioners are not to blame for alleged faults in such buildings.

"It seems quite unfair as well as untrue," they declare, "to state that most of Boston's school buildings are 'unsanitary and many of them are unsafe.' Still more reprehensible is the propaganda to inflame the minds of parents as to the safety of their children in an attempt to legislate out of office the Board of Commissioners of School Buildings. . . .

"The present Board has functioned efficiently despite difficulties brought about by priorities, war conditions, and the financial situation of the City of Boston which would not permit it to use its full appropriating power."

'Mele Kalikimaka' the Words For Your Greeting to Hawaii

When did Christmas carolling on Beacon Hill start?

How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Hawaiian?

One hundred times a day, more than eight times an hour, such questions are asked of a small staff of librarians assigned to the Boston Public Library's General Reference Department. By mail from all over the country, over the telephone and from visitors, the queries have been coming in increasing numbers during the past weeks.

Looking for the answers in the Library's thousands of books, periodicals and newspapers seems to an outsider like looking for the proverbial needle in a haystack.

Yet the researchers pride themselves on turning up not only the requested information, but added data as well. For the Army wife who recently asked for the Christmas greeting in Hawaiian, one of the librarians brightly chanted off, "Mele Kalikimaka a me Alcha Makahik," or "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

No Calls for This

Recently none of the librarians has had the occasion to say "Christmas-O-Me-de-to!," the Japanese greeting which the Reference Department handily keeps on file. This omission, minor as it is, they feel, may be a general indication of the United States citizen's realistic attitude on the Pacific war.

But lots of people have asked what the pay of a Japanese soldier is, and have clucked astonished replies on being told that each son of Nippon in the Army is paid 10 yen a month, or $2.36. Of this, the librarians add, $1.89 goes to the soldier's family, 38 cents is taken away from him for compulsory savings, and he gets to keep nine cents all to himself.

Inquirers who ask about carolling on Beacon Hill are told by young John M. Carroll, Chief of the Department, or one of his eight assistants that the first group of carollers on record had been attending a party on Christmas Eve in 1907 at the Chestnut Street home of Ralph Adams Cram, the architect, and his wife. When someone around the library fire suggested that the old section of the city should observe Christmas Eve with candles in every window and carols in the streets, the party-goers agreed it was a good idea.

They gathered up their wraps and descended into the narrow, silent streets, to sing self-consciously "Adeste Fideles," the one song they all knew, again and again.

Practice Spreads

The next year on Dec. 23, the Crams and three other couples sent around typewritten sheets asking the entire neighborhood to join in putting candles in the windows and in singing carols in the streets. The suggestion was taken up with enthusiasm and a Boston tradition was begun.

When the General Reference Department researchers come across a stickler in the flood of queries, it often turns out to be a fairly simple question. They were not stumped when one man asked what the phases of the moon were on the nights of Aug. 24, 79 A. D. and Feb. 5, 63 A. D. A librarian calculated the answers with the aid of the "Book of Almanacs" printed in London in 1851. And he threw in the Department's extra measure by quoting Pliny's "Letters" where the old Roman noted that the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius made the days and nights dark during those periods.

But the researchers haven't yet found the right answer to an old question that's been lying around—"What is the origin of hanging ears of corn on the door?" Another thing they'd like to know is whether Longfellow made a written comment on Crispus Attackus, Negro who fell in the Boston Massacre of 1770. Anybody else know?

Boston Recreation For Service People

Sunday

Services in Boston Churches. Information at all Clubs.
Vesper Services, Salvation Army, 180 Federal Street, 6 p. m. Buffet Supper, 7 p. m. Free.
Dances with Orchestra, Hostesses, 8 p. m. Atlantic Service Club; Buddies Club, Formal, Gifts, Free phone calls; 149 Staniford Street, Gifts; Esplanade Service Club, 150 Newbury Street, Formal.
Open House Atlantic Service Club, Tea Dance 3-6 p. m.; Buddies Club, Tea Dance, 2:30 p. m.; 149 Staniford Street, Tea Dance 3 p. m.; 48 Boylston Street, Symphonic Record Hour 3-6 p. m.; Jewish Welfare Board Club, Tea Dance 4 p. m., Musical 5 p. m.; 22 Batterymarch Street; Temple Place Club, Supper 6:30 p. m.; 316 Huntington Avenue, Supper 6:30 p. m., Entertainment 7:00 p. m.; 32 City Square, Charlestown. Supper 6:30 p. m.; Esplanade Service Club, 150 Newbury Street, Tea Dance 4 p. m.
"Servicemen's Forum" Jewish Welfare Board Club 11 a. m. "Adventures in Five Wars."
Sketching 149 Staniford Street, 6 p. m.; 48 Boylston Street, 2-6 p. m.; 316 Huntington Avenue, 3 p. m.; Jewish Welfare Board Club, 7 p. m.; 5 Ruggles Street, 3 p. m.
Officers' Open House Army and Navy Officers' Club, 12 Arlington Street, 1:30-11 p. m.; Copley Square Officers' Club, 520 Boylston Street 2-11 p. m.
Dance Instruction. Jewish Welfare Board Club, 8:30 p. m.
Carol Singing. Leave 32 City Square for Beacon Hill 3 p. m.; Leaves 316 Huntington Avenue 3 p. m.; Esplanade Service Club, 150 Newbury Street, 6-8 p. m.; 149 Staniford Street, 8 p. m.
Stage Door Canteen, 48 Boylston Street, Entertainment. Free Refreshments. Dancing.

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		Sun. A.M.	Wed. P.M.
BEVERLY	Society, Y. M. C. A. Building	10:45	7:45
BOSTON	The Mother Church (as indicated above)		
	Second Church (Roxbury), 33 Elm Hill Avenue	10:45	7:45
	Third Church (Hyde Park) 126 Arlington Street	11:00	8:00
BRAINTREE	First Church, Washington Street	10:45	7:45
CAMBRIDGE	First Church, Mass. Avenue and Waterhouse Street	10:45	8:00
CHELSEA	First Church, Carey Avenue	11:00	7:45
CONCORD	First Church, Monument Square	10:45	7:45
DANVERS	Society, Masonic Building	10:45	7:45
		(Except 2nd	Wed.)
DEDHAM	First Church, 619 High Street	10:45	7:45
FRAMINGHAM	First Church, 81 Lincoln Street	10:45	7:45
HINGHAM	First Church, Main Street and Arnold Road	11:00	8:00
	(Also 2nd Sun., 7:30 P. M.)		
HYDE PARK	See above, Boston		
LEXINGTON	First Church, Forest Street	10:45	7:45
LYNN	First Church, Chestnut Street, near Broad	10:45	8:00
MALDEN	First Church, Main and Spring Streets	10:30	7:45
MARBLEHEAD	First Church, 134 Elm Street	10:45	7:45
MEDFORD	First Church, 154 High Street	11:00	7:45
MELROSE	First Church, Green Street at Lynn Fells Pkway	10:45	8:00
NEEDHAM	First Church, 870 Great Plain Avenue	11:00	7:45
NEWTON	First Church, 391 Walnut Street, Newtonville	10:45	8:00
NORWOOD	First Church, Washington and Walpole Streets	10:45	7:45
QUINCY	First Church, 20 Greenleaf Street	10:45	7:45
READING	First Church, Lowell and Sanborn Streets	11:00	8:00
ROXBURY	See above, Boston		
SALEM	First Church, 16 Lynde Street	10:45	7:45
SHARON	First Church, Main and Highland Streets	10:45	7:45
SOMERVILLE	First Church, 148 Sycamore Street, Winter Hill	10:45	7:45
WALTHAM	First Church, Governor Gore Hall, Woerd Avenue	10:45	8:00
WELLESLEY	First Church, Rockland Street, Wellesley Hills	10:45	8:00
WEYMOUTH	Society, Masonic Temple, 610 Broad Street	10:45	7:45
WINCHESTER	First Church, 58 Mt. Vernon Street	11:00	8:00
WINTHROP	First Church, 165 Winthrop Street	10:45	8:00
WOBURN	First Church, 18 Arlington Road	11:00	7:45

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Breckinridge Asks 2-House 'Treaty' Vote

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Amendment of the Constitution to provide for the ratification of treaties by a majority vote of the two Houses of Congress was urged by Col. Henry Breckinridge, Assistant Secretary of War under President Wilson.

Describing as "a travesty" the present two-thirds vote required in the Senate, Colonel Breckinridge declared it was "an absurdity" that "a majority of one in the House and Senate can plunge the nation into war and Senators representing one-thirteenth of the population can veto the peace."

"I have no knowedge of a single outstanding statesman, historian or publicist in our entire history who has defended the provision," he said in the "Beyond Victory" program presented over Station WHN here by the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation in collaboration with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Colonel Breckinridge warned that this same provision kept the United States out of the League of Nations after the last war, despite the fact that a majority of the Senate voted for ratification of the Treaty of Versailles. He held that the Dumbarton Oaks proposals face the same situation.

Although there are at least 130 million people in the United States, one third of the Senate may be made up of Senators representing little over 9,000,000, he emphasized, adding that "if these Senators find just one more to join them, the will of the other 120,000,000 Americans may be absolutely nullified by their actions."

Road's Encouragement Of Gardens Noted Again

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad has won the highest award of the National Victory Garden Institute for the second consecutive year, Holly Stover, company President, announced yesterday.

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Justus, Sioux City Journal

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Protestant Leaders Named To Cleveland Peace Session

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

CLEVELAND, Ohio—More than 400 representatives of the Protestant leadership in the United States have been named as delegates to the second peace conference under the auspices of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace, in Cleveland, Jan. 16-19, to decide upon the course of action they will recommend to Christian citizens in achieving the goal of a peace based on spiritual principles.

In determining their findings the conference will study the results of the Dumbarton Oaks and other peace parleys and current developments. They will be appraised in the light of the spiritual principles adopted by the first peace conference held at Delaware, Ohio, three years ago and the Six Pillars of Peace enunciated two years ago by the Commission.

Both the Delaware and Cleveland conferences were called by the Commission, which was instituted by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, as its agency through which a continuing effort has been made to unite Christians in a common effort to win a peace consistent with Christian principles.

Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, Secretary of the Commission, said that both in numbers of delegates and communions represented the Cleveland conference will surpass the Delaware conference. Protestant communions, both members and nonmembers of the Federal Council which itself represents a constituency of 25,000,000 Protestants, accepted the Commission's invitation to appoint delegates.

In addition, there will be representatives of Allied Christian bodies officially constituted by the boards and agencies of the churches, city and state council of churches, Christian bodies carrying on programs of education on World Order, members of the Commission and other churchmen.

"The delegates will in no sense speak officially for their respective communions and organizations," Dr. Van Kirk said. "Nor will the findings of the conference be construed as the action of the participating bodies. As at Delaware, the message of the conference will be submitted to the churches for such action as may in each case seem appropriate and desirable."

Under the leadership of John Foster Dulles, international lawyer who has been chairman of the Commission since its inception, the delegates will spend most of their time in group discussions of current phases of world order and the long-range program of the churches. The consensus will be embodied in the findings of the conference.

Red Cross Yule Boxes Reach Reich

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—Official word has been received that American Red Cross Christmas packages for prisoners of war arrived several weeks ago in the distribution centers in Europe and were sent on to German camps, Basil O'Connor, Chairman of the American Red Cross, announced here.

The packages were shipped from Philadelphia in August so that normal delays in transportation through war areas would not prevent their arriving at the camps in time for Christmas. A large reserve was included in the shipment to allow for men who might be captured during the months between August and December.

The packages contain among other things turkey, plum pudding, sausages, strawberry jam, nuts, fruit bars, dates, canned cherries, chewing gum, deviled ham, cheddar cheese, butter, bouillon cubes, honey, a washcloth, playing cards, a game, and two pictures of American scenes.

The American Red Cross instructed the International Committee in Geneva to distribute the regular weekly food parcel to American prisoners of war in addition to the Christmas package.

Poillon Pottery In Tints of Gems

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—A Memorial Exhibition of Pottery by Clara L. Poillon, whose work was formerly known through exhibits at the Art Association in Newport, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and elsewhere, will continue through December at the home of her daughter, Miss Mabel Poillon, 4 East Ninth Street.

In the tradition of a "potter's secret" from Staffordshire, England, the various bowls, vases, urns and other objects on display reflect the glow of precious stones and fresh garden flowers. Delicate rose, turquoise and mulberry are among the tints which she has used most effectively.

Devoted to painting, sketching and pottery making for 25 years, Mrs. Poillon described her ideals as "simplicity of form, beauty of line, charm of color, utility combining these three attributes." Examples of her work have won a distinguished niche for themselves in many homes, one of her bowls having been sent to France as a representative piece of American art.

The Memorial Exhibition is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sundays from 2:40 to 4:30 p. m.

Memorial Scholarships Aim of William and Mary

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

WILLIAMSBDRG, Va., Dec. 23—Memorial scholarships, each in the name of a student or alumnus who has made the supreme sacrifice in this war, will be awarded by the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., to former students whose education was interrupted by the war.

The scholarship fund goal is $6,000 by Feb. 8 to insure recognition to each of the 40 names already on the Honor Roll through a scholarship award for the fall term of 1945.

The unsolicited fund-raising is being done by the Society of the Alumni of the college.

Red Cross Pacific Aide

PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 22 (AP)—Mrs. Margaret Emerson has left for the South Pacific theater of war to become an assistant to the Director of the American Red Cross in that area. Mrs. Emerson served the Red Cross in World War I when she was stationed with the Canteen Corps at the Embarkation Center in New York.

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Women Put World Trade Plea Into Words They Understand

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—Convinced that most women can't understand the jargon spoken by Government bureaucrats, Mrs. Hugh Butler of Washington has launched a campaign to describe world trade as a basis for peace in terms of house furnishings.

Mrs. Butler planned her talk after hearing a Government official at a General Federation of Women's Clubs convention last spring deliver a tariff treatise that left the women "dazed, bewildered and furious."

"As long as the explanation of foreign trade complications is left in the hands of such speakers nothing will ever happen to high tariffs," she declared.

Mrs. Butler, who spent eight years in London when her husband was Assistant Commercial Attaché at the American Embassy, and has taught public speaking to women in official life here, this week dangled before members of the Women's Democratic National Council bargains she picked up abroad.

As the women "oh'd and ah'd" she suggested that they be the first to demand tariff reduction on specific articles after the war.

"Some leaders of the business community have decided," she explained, "that in the postwar world the United States must import more goods if we are to sell more goods abroad. While each manufacturer agrees to this general principle, he does not think that he should be the first to have to meet with open foreign competition.

"Why not," she inquired, "consult women on this question as to which tariffs on what goods are to come down first?"

To bolster women's confidence in their capacity to give such advice, she quoted Department of Commerce figures showing that retail sales of goods of special interest to women in 1939 exceeded $42,000,000,000 and that 90 per cent of this was spent by women shoppers. This sum, she pointed out, "represents economic purchasing power far outweighing women's potential political power."

Mrs. Butler illustrated her talk with linens, pottery and woolens she bought in England, Scotland, Ireland, and on the Continent 18 years ago.

Would the women present like to see the women of all the countries using our kitchen gadgets or mass-produced dresses, our bathroom fixtures? she asked. They said they would.

The way to do that, she countered, holding up a piece of Wedgwood pottery is to stock department stores in this country "with these benefits produced by century-old skills in their approach to perfection."

Japanese to Start New Diet Session

By the Associated Press

The Japanese Diet has completed plans for its 86th session, opening Dec. 24, the Tokyo Radio said Dec. 21, but is concerned over the prospects of more air raids.

"If an air-raid alarm is sounded during the midst of a session," the radio said in a radiocast picked up by the Federal Communications Commission, the meeting "will be closed immediately and will reconvene when the all-clear is sounded."

In event of an alert while the Diet is in session, "the President will have the discretion to call a recess whenever the situation demands it."

Although the session starts Dec. 24, the formal opening by Emperor Hirohito will not be until Dec. 26. The War and Navy Ministers will report on the war situation, and "gratification messages" on the reports will be made, the radiocast added.

Christmas Menu For U. S. Troops

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 23

The Army's Christmas menu:

Roast turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, snow flake and sweet potatoes, green beans, asparagus, fresh fruit salad, mayonnaise, celery, pickles, olives, hot rolls, butter, hot mincemeat pie, candy, assorted fruit, nuts, and coffee.

The Army expressed hope today that everyone will get his share but acknowledged that the menu "may vary" in combat areas.

OCD Equipment Disposal Advised

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Fire chiefs proposed yesterday that emergency fire fighting equipment, distributed by the Office of Civilian Defense when this country anticipated air raids, be turned over to the armed forces.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs, through its manager, Fred Sheppard, sent a letter to Representative Philip J. Philbin (D) of Massachusetts, saying:

"Almost without exception, fire chiefs rate this OCD apparatus, hose and accessories definitely sub-standard and place no dependence upon it for fire defense."

In addition, the Association declared, "Few cities have ever used this emergency equipment for fighting normal fires," and "many have never installed it or made it ready for use." Mr. Sheppard's letter urged that the $36,000,000 worth of equipment be shipped overseas for use by the armed forces "where it is needed."

Microphone Plan for Senate Hit by Walkie-Talkie Trend

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Some Senators want microphones for Christmas.

They are getting tired of cupping their ears.

The thought of putting an amplifying system in the Senate Chamber has horrified members in the past but now the move is on again.

It is gaining support, too.

Something might be done about it in the 79th Congress.

Senator Charles O. Andrews (D) of Florida has a resolution to install microphones. His Florida colleague, Senator Claude Pepper, wants to go even further . . . he has a proposal to put the Senate proceedings on the radio.

The Senate is working with the most important business of this generation and this is no time, they feel, to be missing anything.

The Senate has to solve some problems before it can install microphones, however.

One of the biggest difficulties is presented by the Senators themselves. They walk around aimlessly from desk to desk, talking all the while. You just don't know what part of the Chamber they'll turn up in next.

Over in the House, members go to the well and talk into the mike.

Another objection that is being raised is that the Senate may have to go into secret sessions and some of the members don't want any wires around that can be tapped. Senate Secretary Edwin A. Halsey said that objection has been voiced before and it carries a lot of weight.

Some system of portable microphones might be worked out.

However they do it, there'll be a loud huzzah from the press galleries. Sometimes some reporters miss a lot of good quotes.

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Nineteen hundred and forty-four has witnessed the greatest amphibious exploits in the history of the world. Thousands of American vessels in the Atlantic and the Pacific, transporting armies hundreds of times as great as Washington's, are sealing the ultimate doom of our world enemies.

Standing at the year-end, humble in the face of the heroism and sacrifice of our American boys, is it not time to renew our home front pledge?

I SHALL *buy War Bonds to the limit of my capacity.*

I SHALL *give through the Red Cross to save the lives of fighting men.*

I SHALL *avoid careless talk that costs lives.*

I SHALL *do my utmost to conserve and salvage the materials that are needed to arm the war.*

I SHALL *help to avoid inflation by refusing to hoard goods or pay more than ceiling prices.*

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Greeting to Bay State Farmers Commends Patriotic Endeavor

"As another Christmas season approaches," Louis A. Webster, State Commissioner of Agriculture, today wrote the many farm readers of the Department's daily produce market report, "the Department of Agriculture offers a words of greeting. We know you have been operating without sufficient help and put in long hours to produce and distribute the record crops that have gone through the market this year.

"Statistics show that fruit and vegetable prices on the whole have been 15 to 20 per cent lower than in 1943. Still, we hear very little complaint from producers or distributors. I think we are all willing to tighten up our belts and put in even more intensive efforts, if by doing so we feel that the war will draw to a close even a little bit quicker.

"Ceiling prices have been tremendously annoying in many cases, but on the other hand, ceiling prices have developed a public consciousness of fairly high prices and have probably acted to keep prices up at times.

"1944 has seen a record shipment of Massachusetts apples, potatoes, and vegetables by rail. We were all amazed to know that during the fall fruit and vegetables were being shipped from this industrial State at the rate of 500 cars a week. It was quite a record for this Department when 11 inspectors were on the job at one time.

"I am more and more impressed by the fact that we are becoming more grade-conscious. That trend will probably accelerate right after the war, because even though I am not sold on the idea that all sorts of vegetables are coming into Boston by airplane freight immediately, still we know that we are approaching keener competition on both fresh and frozen vegetables than we ever have before."

'Ad' Firm Gives Bonus

SAINT PAUL, Minn., Dec. 23 (AP) —Charles A. Ward, President of Brown & Bigelow, an advertising firm, yesterday gave bonus checks totaling $1,087,699 to every employee of the company. The Christmas presents were given to more than 3,700 employees.

SUNDAY—3 P.M.

GENERAL TIRE

PRESENTS

'THANKS to AMERICA'

with

Ted Cole, baritone; General Tire Trio (Mary, Rosemary and Rita), Chorus and Grand Orchestra, with Bobby Norris, conducting

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in a dramatic sketch

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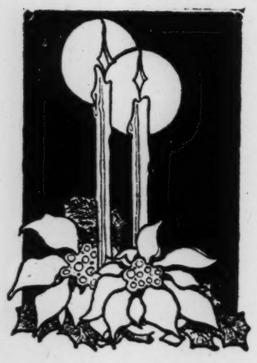

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Candles Of Christmas

shine brightly for you, despite the sadness of war. Their light brings a message of HOPE and LOVE . . . of PROMISE for the future.

Radio Timetable

(Feature Programs Appear in Blackface)

	WEEI-590kc-CBS	WHDH-850kc-BLUE	WBZ-1030kc-NBC	WNAC-1260kc-MBS	WMEX-1510kc-199m
2:00	Report to Nation:	Metropolitan Opera:	"These Are Our Men":	Branscombe Choral	Hal McIntyre's Orch.
2:15	drama: interviews	Warner's "Tristan and	drama: speakers; orch.	Christmas Concert	Spike Jones' Orch.
2:30	Melody in the Sky	Isolde"; Alexander Kip-	New England Junior	Pro Arte Quartet: Uni-	Earl Hines' Orch.
2:45	Melody in the Sky	nis: Lauritz Melchior:	Town Meeting	versity of Wisconsin	The Pepper Shaker
3:00	News service	Helen Traubel: Kerstin	Orchestras of Nation:	"This Is Halloran"	The Pepper Shaker
3:15	Help Wanted	Thorborg: Her. Jans-	Kansas City Philhar-	"This Is Halloran"	News service
3:30	Disabled Veterans'	son: Emery Darcy:	monic Or; Efrem Kurtz	International Christ-	Cowboy Jamboree
3:45	Christmas prm.	Erich Leinsdorf, cond.	conductor	mas songs: Pitts. choir	Cowboy Jamboree
4:00	"Follies" — Evelyn	Metropolitan Opera	Consumer Time	Salvation Army Christ-	Glen Gray's Orch.
4:15	Howe, m. c.; News	Metropolitan Opera	Adventures in Research	mas Party: soloists	Dolly Dawn's Orch.
4:30	Assignment Home,	Metropolitan Opera	Navy Choir & Orchestra	Paulist Choristers	Larry Clinton's Orch.
4:45	drama: speaker	Metropolitan Opera	Navy Choir & Orchestra	Paulist Choristers	Will Bradley's Orch.
5:00	Philadelphia Orch.;	Metropolitan Opera	Barbara Luddy: Olan	Dance orchestra	Freddie Slack's Orch.
5:15	Saul Caston, cond.	Metropolitan Opera	Soule: "Bethlehem"	"The Show Shop"	Johnny Messner's Orch.
5:30	Glinka's Kamarin-	Metropolitan Opera	John W. Vandercook	Latin-Amer. Rhythms	Kay Kyser's Orch.
5:45	skaya: Tchaikov'y	Metropolitan Opera	"Starring Curt Massey"	Musical Roundup	News service
6:00	Page One: News	Waltz Time	News: Geoffrey Harwood	News service	Sports; Musicale
6:15	People's Platform:	Newscast	Bump Hadley, sports	Digest: Snapshots	Moment Musicale
6:30	"Liberated Lands"	"Silent Night": drama.	Symphony of Melody	March to Victory	March to Victory
6:45	World Today News	"Silent Night": drama.	"Service Unlimited"	Musical Rendezvous	Sports of the Day
7:00	Lionel Barrymore:	Sports news: Music	World's Great Novels":	"American Eagle in	Dick Haymes, songs
7:15	USMC Greetings	Leland Stowe, comment	"The Pickwick Papers'	Britain": interviews	News service
7:30	"America in Air"	"Meet Your Navy": dr.;	"Ellery Queen": drama.	"Confidentially Yours"	Tommy Carr's Orch.
7:45	"America in Air"	orch.; guest speakers	"Ellery Queen": drama.	Frances Greer, soprano	Doug Garron's Ramblers
8:00	Kenny Baker Show;	Christmas Carols from	Gaslight Gayeties: solo-	Frank Singiser, news	Religious program
8:15	Boys' Choir	Greenfield Vil. Chapel.	ists; quartet: orch	Bob Stanley's Orch.	Religious program
8:30	"The FBI in Peace	Boston Symphony Or.;	Truth or Consequences;	Detroit Symphony Or.;	Rescue Mission Pgm.
8:45	& War": dr: News	Dr. Koussevitsky, con.	Ralph Edwards, m. c.	Karl Krueger, cond.	Rescue Mission Pgm.
9:00	Your Hit Parade:	Ernst Krenek: folk	National Barn Dance;	"Results, Inc.": drama.	Classical Album: Han-
9:15	Frank Sinatra:	tune: Mozart: Schubert	comedy: songs: orch.	"Results, Inc.": drama.	del's "The Messiah"
9:30	Joan Edwards: or.	Gene Krupa's Orch.	"Can You Top This?":	Mysterious Traveler: dr.	Classical Album: Han-
9:45	Serenade: Jessica	Dance orch.: Quiz show	Ford-Hearshfield-Laurie	Mysterious Traveler: dr.	del's "The Messiah"
10:00	Dragonette: orch.,	Guy Lombardo's Or. in	Barry Wood: Patsy Kel-	Marion Claire; Ruth	Classical Album: Han-
10:15	Al Pearce: "Here	Musical Autographs	ly: Edward E. Horton,	Slater: Bruce Foote:	del's "The Messiah"
10:30	Comes Elmer"	Herbert Marshall in	Grand Old Opry: Whitey	Humperdinck's 'Hansel	Classical Album: Han-
10:45	Hal McIntyre's Or.	"The Man Called X"	Ford: Roy Acuff: orch.	and Gretel': orchestra	del's "The Messiah"
11:00	News: Weather	Newscast	News; E. N. Eddy, news	News service	News service
11:15	"Unrationed Jam"	Dance orchestra	Weather: Off the Record	Shady Valley Jamboree:	Bob Crosby's Orch.
11:30	Les Brown's Orch.	Fishermen's program	"I Sustain the Wings"	Coon Creek Four;	Day's End: music
11:45	Les Brown's Orch.	Dance orchestra: News	"I Sustain the Wings"	Smoothies: orchestra	Day's End; News

Sunday's Programs

	WEEI-590kc-CBS	WHDH-850kc-BLUE	WBZ-1030kc-NBC	WNAC-1260kc-MBS	WMEX-1510kc-199m
8:00	News; "Melodies".	Revival Hour	Christmas Music	Young People's Church	
8:15	Religious program.	Revival Hour	News service; Weather.	of the Air; speaker	
8:30	Uncle Elmer's Song	Revival Hour	Evangelical Hour: speak-	Radio Carollers	"Wake Up Smiling"
8:45	Circle: Lullabies.	Revival Hour	er; quartet; soloist	News service	News: Farm and Home
9:00	News of the World	Religious program	World News Roundup	Religious program	"Waltz Time"
9:15	E. Power Biggs, or-	Judea Hour	Christian Science Prm.	Religious program	Religious services
9:30	gan recital	Judea Hour	NBC String Quartet	Network speaker	Religious services
9:45	News service	Judea Hour	NBC String Quartet	Network speaker	Morning Melodies
10:00	Church of the Air.	Israel's Music & Drama	National Radio Pulpit.	Radio Bible Class	Morning Melodies
10:15	Church of the Air.	Israel's Music & Drama	National Radio Pulpit.	Radio Bible Class	Music in the Modern
10:30	Treasury Parade.	Park Street Church	"Words and Music"	Weather: Symphonietta.	Manner: recordings
10:45	Income Tax Talk.	Services: speaker	"Words and Music"	"Symphonietta"; Carols	Tremont Temple serv-
11:00	News; Blue Jacket	Park Street Church	'The Eternal Light': dr.	Service from Cathedral	ices; speaker
11:15	Choir: Dan O'Neil	Services: speaker	"Destruction of Temple"	Church of St. Paul	Tremont Temple serv-
11:30	Christmas Carols.	Park Street Church	The King's Men	Service from Cathedral	ices; speaker
11:45	Christmas Carols.	"The Morgan Family"	Marion Loveridge, songs	Church of St. Paul	Tremont Temple
12:00	News service	Italian music	News; Weather; Music.	Religious program	News service
12:15	I T M'Donald, news	Newscast	Your Radio Reporter	Religious program	Lawrence Tibbett, songs
12:30	Transatlantic Call	WHDH Sunday Hour	Stradivari Orchestra;	Religious program	Gilbert & Sullivan Op-
12:45	People to People.	WHDH Sunday Hour.	Paul Lavalle, conduct.	Religious program	eretta: recordings
1:00	Beacon St. Window	Sunday Hour! Lullabies	News service	News service	New Balbo Playhouse
1:15	Revue: music	George Hicks Reports.	"Views and Interviews"	Religious program	Italian melodies
1:30	Jean Brunner, talk	Cavalcade of Song	Chicago U. Roundtable:	"Week in Review": Jim	Joseph Tall's Hour
1:45	Chas. Collingwood.	Cavalcade of Song	"Our Moral Crisis"	Healy: Question Box	Joseph Tall's Hour
2:00	'Matinee Theater':	Cavalcade of Song	"Those We Love": dr.	"Adventures of Bull-	Three-Quarter Time
2:15	with Victor Jory	Cavalcade of Song	"Those We Love": dr.	dog Drummond": dr.	Clara Barton Memorial
2:30	World News Today	Sammy Kaye's Orch.	John Charles Thomas:	Bill Cunningham, news	Sun Afternoon Dance
2:45	News; Olin Downes	Sammy Kaye's Or; News	orchestra; chorus talk	Francis J. Cronin, organ	Session: recordings
3:00	N Y Philharmonic:	Charlotte Greenwood	World News; Max Hill;	"Thanks to America":	Scandinavian Melodies
3:15	George Szell, con.	Show; orch.; chorus	soloist; orchestra	music: Ralph Forbes dr	Scandinavian Melodies
3:30	Artur Schnabel;	"Miss Hattie": drama.	GI's Throughout World	"Nick Carter": drama.	Religious program
3:45	Mozart Piano Con-	"Miss Hattie": drama.	to Describe Their	"Nick Carter": drama.	Religious program
4:00	certo D minor;	Sunday afternoon music	Christmases; choir;	"Your America": solo-	Treasury Varieties
4:15	Trapp Family	Sunday afternoon music	band; Fri J Smith on	ists; guests; chorus; or	Treasury Varieties
4:30	Nelson Eddy; Bugs	Concert Hall	"Sunday at 4:30": Ar-	'What's Name of That	Treasury Varieties
4:45	Bunny; orch.; cho	Concert Hall	thur Fiedler's Orch.	Song?": D. Williamson	Treasury Varieties
5:00	Patrice Munsel;	Mary Small Revue	NBC Symphony Orch.;	Columbus Boy Choir	Irish melodies
5:15	Pres. Roosevelt;	President Roosevelt	President Roosevelt;	President Roosevelt	President Roosevelt
5:30	Reed Kennedy; or	Metropolitan Opera Pre-	Eugene Ormandy; Jo-	"The Shadow": drama.	Pilgrim Hour
5:45	William Shirer	sents: soloists; orch.	seph Laderoute, tenor	"The Shadow": drama.	Pilgrim Hour
6:00	"Ozzie and Har-	Paul Whiteman's Or.;	Religious program	'Quick as a Flash': Quiz	Tremont Temple Twi-
6:15	riet": comedy	Bing Crosby; Orson	Religious program	show; Ken Roberts, mc	light Services: speaker
6:30	Fanny Brice; H.	Welles: Jeannie Dur-	The Great Gildersleeve.	Upton Close, comments	Religious drama
6:45	Stafford: comedy.	rel; J Derita; D Harris	starring Hal Peary	Dick Brown, songs	Religious drama
7:00	Kate Smith Hour:	News commentator	Jack Benny Show; Lar-	Cleveland Symphony Or	Religious Hour
7:15	Aldrich Family;	Don Gardner, news	ry Stevens, baritone;	Eugene Goossens, con.	Religious Hour
7:30	Jackie Gleason;	Quiz Kids; Joe Kelly mc	Bandwagon; guest orch;	his "Symphonietta";	Religious Hour
7:45	Joe Marsala	Quiz Kids; Joe Kelly mc	Dick Powell, mc.; News	Manfredini; Byrd	Religious Hour
8:00	"Blondie": com. sk.	Greenfield Chapel Pgm.	Bergen-McCarthy; Effe	A. L. Alexander Media-	Central Baptist Church
8:15	"Blondie": com. sk.	Carols for Christmas	Klinker; Don Ameche.	tion Board: human in-	Service: speaker
8:30	"Crime Doctor":	"Joe E. Brown": Stop	"One Man's Family": dr	terest pgm; gst. panel	Central Baptist Church
8:45	drama; News	or Go": Quiz show	"One Man's Family": dr	Gabriel Heatter, news	Service: speaker
9:00	Radio Reader's Di-	Walter Winchell, news.	Manhattan Merry - Go -	John Baker; Harriet	Old - Fashioned Revival
9:15	gest: dr.; music	Louella Parsons; Holly-	Round: orch.; songs.	O'Rourke; F. Dvonch	Hour; speaker
9:30	James Melton Show	wood Mystery Time: dr	American Album of	Cedric Foster, news	Old - Fashioned Revival
9:45	James Melton Show	Hollywood Reporter	Familiar Music	'The Jerry Cooper Show'	Hour; speaker
10:00	Phil Baker: "Take	"Life of Riley": comedy	Phil Spitalny's All-Girl	"Prayer for Children"	News service
10:15	It or Leave It"	starring Wm. Bendix	Orchestra: soloists	"A Christmas Carol,"	Bing Crosby, songs
10:30	"We, the People":	Freeling Foster's "Keep	Harold Lloyd: Comedy	starring Everett Sloane	Pan Americana
10:45	Trapp Family	Up With the World"	Theater: guest stars.	'Christmas Eve in Paris'	Voice of the Army
11:00	News; Weather	News; Christmas Carols	News; Weather; Organ.	News service	"Dance Session"
11:15	"Unrationed Jam".	Message of Israel	Story Behind Headlines	Old - Fashioned Revival	"Dance Session"
11:30	Dance orchestra	Message of Israel	"Cricket on the Hearth":	Hour; speaker	Day's End: music
11:45	Dance orchestra	Christmas Party	drama; Helen Traubel	Old-Fashioned Revival	Day's End; News

Monday's Programs

	WEEI-590kc-CBS	WHDH-850kc-BLUE	WBZ-1030kc-NBC	WNAC-1260kc-MBS	WMEX-1510kc-199m
11:00	"Amanda": sketch	Breakfast at Sardi's:	"Road of Life": sk.	Arthur Gaeth, news	Musical program
11:15	"Second Husband"	Music; interviews	"Rosemary": drama	New England Cupboard.	Mystery Melody with
11:30	"Bright Horizons"	News comments	"Star Playhouse": sk	Boston Boys' Club	John Kiley, organ
11:45	"Aunt Jenny"	Jack Berch & His Boys	"David Harum": sk	Imogene Wolcott: Duet.	News service
12:00	Kate Smith, talk.	'Glamour Manor,' star-	News; Marvin Behrens.	News & Gabriel Heatter	Dude Ranch
12:15	"Big Sister": sk.	ring Cliff Arquette; Or.	Midday Melodies	News service	Dude Ranch; News
12:30	"Helen Trent": sk.	Farm and Homemakers.	"Merry Christmas, Dad-	Musical Roundup	Drama and Music
12:45	"Our Gal Sunday"	Farm and Homemakers.	dy": two-way conver'ns	Musical Roundup	Drama and Music
1:00	'Life Beautiful': sk.	Baukhage Talking, news	"Wax Museum"	Lester Smith, news	Italian Melodies
1:15	"Ma Perkins": sk.	"Harmony Haven"	"Wax Museum"	Christmas Carols	News service
1:30	Christmas Over-	"Harmony Haven"	'Luncheon With Salvy'.	Navy Men in Honolulu	Curtain Time, with
1:45	seas: music; dr.	Fishermen's program	Carl Caruso, news	exchange greetings	Betty Dubrow: News
2:00	Serial drama	"Mr. Pickwick's Christ-	'The Guiding Light': sk.	Cedric Foster, news	"It Happened on
2:15	"Two on a Clue".	mas": dramatization	"Today's Children": sk.	"Yankee Kitchen"	Christmas"
2:30	Serial drama	WHDH Studio Orch.	Dramatic sketch	"Yankee Kitchen"	Tommy Dorsey's Orch.
2:45	"Perry Mason": sk.	WHDH Studio Orch.	Hymn Recital	Detective Mysteries: dr.	Kick Conga
3:00	"Mary Marlin": sk.	"Carols for Christmas"	"Women of America"	Marine Christmas in	Irish Melodies
3:15	"Tena & Tim": sk.	Carols; Concert	"Ma Perkins": sketch.	the Pacific	News service
3:30	News; Help Wanted	Christmas drama	Pepper Young's Family.	Carols; Vocal Trio	Cowboy Jamboree
3:45	Notes for Victory	Music; Listen, Milady	'Right to Happiness"	Musical Roundup	Cowboy Jamboree
4:00	Christmas Prog.:	Westbrook Van Voorhis	Backstage Wife: sketch	Walter Compton, news.	News Service
4:15	Joseph Szigeti;	Lullabies; Air Express.	Stella Dallas: sketch	Jane Cowl; talk	Xavier Cugat's Or.
4:30	Burns-Allen; Bob	Newscast	Lorenzo Jones: sk	Something for the Girls	Les Brown's Orch.
4:45	Hope; B. Crosby;	'Hop Harrigan': drama	Young Widder Brown	"The Handy Man"	J. Manning, troubadour
5:00	J. Benny; Ginny	'Terry and the Pirates'.	"When a Girl Marries"	Musical Roundup	Round-up Time
5:15	Simms; Rochester;	"Dick Tracy": sketch.	"Portia Faces Life": sk.	"Superman"; sk.	Round-up Time
5:30	Carmen Miranda;	"Jack Armstrong": sk.	"Just Plain Bill": sk.	"Tom Mix": sketch	News service
5:45	Bill Stern, mc.	"Captain Midnight": sk	"Front Page Farrell": sk		News service
6:00	News comments	"3 Christmas Stories"	News; Geoffrey Harwood	News service	Sports; Music
6:15	Milton Murray's music	News; "Whose War?"	K. Ivers; Swingcopaters	Sports; Snapshots	Moment Musicale
6:30	Band: "Facts"	"Jerry and Sky"	"Pleasure Parade"	"The Answer Man"	March to Victory
6:45	News; J. Harsch	"Carols for Christmas"	Lowell Thomas, news	Music; "Soldier"	Sports of the Day
7:00	'I Love a Mystery'	Horace Heidt's Show	Perry Como Supper Club	Fulton Lewis, Jr., news	Tony Martin, songs
7:15	Hedda Hopper, talk	Horace Heidt's Show	News of the World	Louise Morgan; Dan. or.	News service
7:30	Bob Hawk's Tks	The Lone Ranger": dr.	Dick Preston, songs	"Three Quarter Time"	Something for the Girls
7:45	to the Yanks	"The Lone Ranger": dr.	Frontline Headlines	"Three Quarter Time"	Clem Morton, talk
8:00	"Vox Pop"; inter.	Ted Malone comments	Cavalcade of America:	Cecil Brown, news	News service
8:15	"Vox Pop"; inter	'Lum 'n' Abner"; sk.	America for Christmas	Sunny Skylar Serenade	Christmas program
8:30	Frank Sinatra; M.	"Blind Date," with Ar-	Richard Crooks, tenor;	"Sherlock Holmes"; dr.	Tommy Carr's Orch.
8:45	O'Brien; News	lene Francis, m. c.	Howard Barlow's Or.	B. Rathbone; N. Bruce	"This Is France"
9:00	Theater: Kathryn	"David Harding, Coun-	H. Traubel; Glee Club;	Gabriel Heatter, news.	Classical Album:
9:15	Grayson; Dennis	terspy": dramatization	Donald Voorhees' Orch.	Real Stories dramatized	Christmas Carols of
9:30	Morgan in "The	Gene Krupa's Orchestra	"Information Please";	"Music of Worship";	Many Lands
9:45	Vagabond King"	Dance Orch.: Drama	Clifton Fadiman, m. c.	soloists: Fred. Dvonch	Classical Album
10:00	Guild:Fanny Brice:	Raymond Gram Swing.	Josephine Antoine; Rein-	Henry Gladstone, news.	News service
10:15	"Pinocchio"	Musical program	hold Schmidt; Orch.	Paul Schubert, news	Dick Stabile's Orch.
10:30	Johnny Morgan	The Symphonettes, with	"Dr. I. Q."; Quiz; Jim-	Dance orchestra	Vaughn Monroe's Orch.
10:45	Show; songs; or.	M. Piastro, cond.	my McClain, m. c.	Music Roundup; Weath.	Eddy Duchin's Orch.
11:00	News; Rideout	News; Sports; News	News; E. N. Eddy, news	News service	Erskine Butterfield's Or
11:15	"Unrationed Jam"	Dance orchestra	Weather; Bump Hadley	Radio Newsreel	Russ Morgan's Orch.
11:30	Hal McIntyre's Or.	Fishermen's program	Music You Want	Leo Reisman's Orch.	Day's End: music
11:45	Hal McIntyre's Or.	Dance orchestra; News.	Music You Want	Leo Reisman's Orch.	Day's End: music

Tuesday's Programs

	WEEI-590kc-CBS	WHDH-850kc-BLUE	WBZ-1030kc-NBC	WNAC-1260kc-MBS	WMEX-1510kc-199m
7:00	Top o' the Morning	Air Express Music	News; Dress Parade	Music; Weather; Music.	
7:15	News; Herb Lewis.	Newscast; Music	Musical pgm; Weather.	News Comments	
7:30	Music; Var'y; News	Air Express Music	News commentators	"Happy Hank"; songs.	New England Fellow-
7:45	News; Rideout	Music; News; Weather.	"Ranger Joe's Ranch"	'About a Soldier'; Music	ship Service
8:00	News of the World	Martin Agronsky, news.	World News Roundup	News service	Newsreel of the Air
8:15	Caroline Cabot	Music of Many Lands.	The Wax Museum	George & Dixie; News.	Musical Timetable
8:30	Carl Moore; Music	Music of Many Lands.	News commentator	Louise Morgan	Musical Timetable
8:45	Music; News	Homemakers Hints; Nws	"The Music Box"	Louise Morgan; Weather	Musical Timetable
9:00	Priscilla Fortescue,	"The Breakfast Club".	Mildred Carlson, talk.	News; "Tune Factory".	Scandinavian Melodies
9:15	School of the Air:	"The Breakfast Club".	Edw. MacHugh, hymns.	Quiz program; F. Long.	Scandinavian Melodies
9:30	Gateway to Music	"The Breakfast Club".	Wartime Food News	"Yankee Tune Factory"	Waltz Time: music
9:45	WEEI Food Fair	"The Breakfast Club".	Chet. Gaylord program.	"Yankee Tune Factory"	Waltz Time: music
10:00	Valiant Lady	Dramatic sketch	"Lora Lawton": sketch.	News; "Tune Factory"	Dramatic sketch
10:15	"Light of World"	Drama; Variety show.	Robert St. John, news.	"Yankee Tune Factory"	Organ recital
10:30	"Changing World"	Fishermen's program	Studio speaker	"Yankee Tune Factory"	Shopping With Marie
10:45	Bachelor's Children	Dramatic sketch	Musical program	"Yankee Tune Factory"	Mason
11:00	"Amanda": sketch.	Breakfast Music; Inter.	"Road of Life": sketch	Arthur Gaeth, news	Musical program
11:15	Second Husband	Breakfast Music; Inter.	"Rosemary": sketch	New England Cupboard	"Mystery Melody," with
11:30	Bright Horizons	News commentator	"Star Playhouse": sk.	Matti Hollis' Arch.	John Kiley, organ
11:45	"Aunt Jenny"	Jack Berch's Boys	"David Harum": sketch	Imogene Wolcott: 'Hunt'	News service
12:00	Kate Smith Speaks	'Glamour Manor,' star-	News; Marvin Behrens.	News & Gabriel Heatter	Dude Ranch
12:15	"Big Sister": sk.	ring Cliff Arquette	"Midday Melodies"	News service	Dude Ranch; News
12:30	"Helen Trent": sk.	Farm and Homemakers	Marjorie Mills, talk	Musical Roundup	Drama and Music
12:45	"Our Gal Sunday"	Farm and Homemakers	Marjorie Mills, talk	Musical Roundup	Drama and Music
1:00	"Life Beautiful"	Baukhage Talking, news	The Wax Museum	Lester Smith, news	Italian melodies
1:15	"Ma Perkins": sk.	"Harmony Haven"	The Wax Museum	"Terry House Party"	News service
1:30	B. Flynn, news	"Harmony Haven"	"Luncheon With Salvy"	Paula Stone; Phil Brito	Curtain Time with Mar-
1:45	"The Goldbergs"	Fishermen's program	Carl Caruso, news	American Woman's Jury	guerite Porter; News
2:00	Serial drama	Air Express Music	"Guiding Light": drama	Cedric Foster, news	Sonny Dunham's Orch.
2:15	"Two on a Clue"	Mystery Chef; food talk	"Today's Children"; dr.	"Yankee Kitchen"	Bobby Byrne's Orch.
2:30	Serial drama	All-Star Dance Parade	Dramatic sketch	"Yankee Kitchen"	Charlie Barnet's Or.
2:45	"Perry Mason": sk	Newscast	Hymn recital	Detective dramas	Kick Conga
3:00	"Mary Marlin": sk	Bob Hanna, songs	'Woman of America': sk	Christmas program	Irish melodies
3:15	"Tena & Tim": sk.	Musical program	"Ma Perkins": sketch.	Christmas program	News service
3:30	News; Snapshots	Air Express Music	'Pepper Young's Family'	"Smoothies Vocal Trio"	Cowboy Jamboree
3:45	"Help Wanted"	Music; "Listen, Milady"	'Right to Happiness': sk	Musical Roundup	Cowboy Jamboree
4:00	Chas. Pelley's Mel-	Jewish Philanthropies	Backstage Wife: sketch.	"Background for News"	News service
4:15	ody in Sky: Songs	Lullabies; Air Express.	Stella Dallas: sketch	Jane Cowl, talk	Al Donahue's Orch.
4:30	"Life to the Front"	Newscast	Lorenzo Jones: sketch.	Zeb Carver's Orch.	Duke Ellington's Orch.
4:45	"Follies" — Evelyn	"Hop Harrigan"	"Young Widder Brown"	"The Handy Man"	Jimmy Murrar, piano
5:00	Howe, m. c.; News	"Terry and the Pirates"	"When a Girl Marries"	Musical Roundup	News service
5:15	"Evelyn Winters".	"Dick Tracy": sketch.	"Portia Faces Life"	Something for the Girls	Round-Up Time
5:30	Notes for Victory	Jack Armstrong: sketch	'Just Plain Bill': sketch	"Superman"; sketch	Round-Up Time
5:45	'Inside MGM': int.	"Captain Midnight": sk.	"Front Page Farrell"...	"Tom Mix"; sketch	News service
6:00	"Page One": news.	Waltz Time: music	News; Geoffrey Harwood	News service	Sports; Music
6:15	E. C. Hill, news	News; "Whose War?"	1st Combat Inf. Band.	Sports; Snapshots	Moment Musicale
6:30	Band: "Facts"	"Jerry and Sky": sketch	"Serenade"; songs	"The Answer Man"	March to Victory
6:45	News; 6:55 J Harsch	"Ray Bloch Presents".	Lowell Thomas, news	Music Rendezvous; Talk	Sports of the Day
7:00	"I Love a Mystery"	Famous Composrs Music	Perry Como Supper Club	Fulton Lewis, Jr., news	Mills Brothers, songs
7:15	Popular music	WAVE Parade; W. Lang	News of the World	Treasure Hunt; Orch.	News service
7:30	American Melody	Musical program	"Everything for the	"Confidentially Yours".	Something for the Girls
7:45	Hour: soloists	Musical program	Boys"; D. Haymes, mc	Ray Herbeck's Orch.	Tax program
8:00	'Big Town': drama	Ted Malone, comment.	Ginny Simms; Edgar	Frank Singiser, news	News service
8:15	'Big Town': drama	'Lum & Abner': sketch	'Cookie' Fairchild's Or.	Sunny Skylar Serenade	Concert Melodies
8:30	"The Messiah": dr.	The Alan Young Show.	"A Date With Judy": sk	"The Roy Rogers Show":	Tommy Carr's Orch.
8:45	chorus; or.; News	The Alan Young Show.	"A Date With Judy": sk	Western musical series	The Music Hour
9:00	George Burns and	The Gracie Fields Show	"Mystery Theater": dr.	Gabriel Heatter, news	The Music Hour
9:15	Gracie Allen Show	The Gracie Fields Show	"Mystery Theater": dr.	"Real Stories Dramas"	The Music Hour
9:30	"The Secret Life of	Frankie Master's Orch.	'Fibber McGee & Molly'	"1944 in Review";	The Music Hour
9:45	Walter Mitty": dr.	Dance orch.; Drama	'Fibber McGee & Molly'	Drama; Excerpts from	The Music Hour; News
10:00	"Service to the	Raymond Gram Swing.	"The Bob Hope Show";	memorable speeches;	Bruins - Detroit Red
10:15	Front": drama	Andy Russell Show	guest, Bing Crosby	Dave Driscoll, nar.	Horace Heidt's Orch.
10:30	Congress Speaks	'Let Yourself Go'; Mil-	Hildegarde; Oscar Le-	Musical Roundup	Ari Jarrett's Orch.
10:45	"Behind Scenes"	ton Berle, mc.; guests	vant; Shirley Boothe.	Music; weather	Shep Field's Orch.
11:00	News; Rideout	News; Sports news	News; E. N. Eddy, news	News service	Jazz Album
11:15	"Unrationed Jam".	Dance orchestra	Weather; Bump Hadley.	Radio Newsreel	Jazz Album
11:30	"Casey, Press Pho-	Fishermen's Time	Music You Want	Freddie Slack's Orch.	Day's End; music
11:45	tographer"; drama	Dance orchestra; News	Music You Want	Louis Armstrong's Or.	Day's End; News

London Music Conducted By Mitropoulos

Of greater consequence than a couple of items introduced into the repertory of the Boston Symphony Orchestra yesterday afternoon under the guest conductorship of Dimitri Mitropoulos, was the four-movement study by Vaughan Williams bearing title of A London Symphony. Written back in a time when the awakening of cities from sleep, advancing into the business of the day and at length quieting down again, had a peculiar appeal to the imagination of the musical public, the work was taken in the 20's as something on the tone-poem order, and something representative of painting in sound.

A pictorial notion of the sort may be as valid at present as formerly with many listeners, and no harm if that is so. But just the same, this effort of a British composer who goes, like César Franck, by his whole name, stands a symphony of completely classic outline; and under the leading of such a zealous interpreter as Dr. Mitropoulos it proves its right to a place among masterworks. Attention-holding from first note to last because of its logical construction, and agreeable to listen to because of its skillfully manipulated and varied sonorities, it seems landed in the orchestral library to stay.

Somehow the great sweeping passages in any symphony are taken for granted. They belong there, so why stop to think about them? Contrarily, details carry the quality of originality and give an instrumental cycle its stamp. Take the solo for the alto voice of the viola in the slow movement of A London Symphony. True enough, it is a strain of but a phrase or two—"plangent," "nostalgic," any of the good old adjectives answer for description—the little air is softly announced and a couple of times quietly repeated. Not much, but enough; and it is what we leave the hall with.

The Symphony closed the day and was a program by itself. Earlier proceedings brought to notice a brilliant exercise of conducting and playing in the Overture to "The Magic Flute," by Mozart. Exciting pauses in the brief episode for brasses half way through; the count of beats electrically precise. Then, a novelty for the Symphony Concerts, Variations on a North Carolina Folk Song, "I Wonder as I Wander," op. 94, by Ernst Křenek (composer in attendance and appearing on the platform to bow to applause). The man who can write such a beautiful and appropriate solo passage for trumpet as Mr. Křenek provides in one of the Variations deserves admission to the big company without election. Composers rarely do what he achieves here, though no telling how much he was assisted by the Boston Symphony's first trumpet. The effect was something to call the composition back for another turn some day.

A second novelty was a resuscitation—Schubert's Symphony No. 2 in B flat major. The house had causes to thank Dr. Mitropoulos for rehearsing the piece for Bostonians. Plenty of Schubertian charm about it; a string of song pearls; the composer of the Symphony in C and the "Unfinished" Symphony making up his mind about something.

W. P. T.

Monday on Short Waves

Monday, December 25

London—6:30 p. m.—Carols from U. S. Army Hospital. GSU, 7.26 meg., 41.3 m.; GRH, 9.82 meg., 30.5 m.; GSL, 6.11 meg., 49.1 m.

London—9:30 p. m.—Christmas Day Service from Westminster Abbey. GSU, 7.26 meg., 41.3 m. GRH, 9.82 meg., 30.5 m.; GSL, 6.11 meg., 49.1 m.; GRC, 2.88 meg., 104.2 m.

Melbourne—9:45 p. m.—News; Talks; Music. VLC7, 11.84 meg., 25.3 m.

London—11:15 p. m.—"As Seen From

Port Authority Laments Lack Of Suitable Coastwise Craft

Log of the Port of Boston

Lack of suitable ships for coastwise shipping—latest plague of Boston postwar port developers—is an obstacle requiring immediate attention it was disclosed today by the Boston Port Authority despite the fact that the American merchant fleet is now the largest of any in the world.

The Port Authority, along with representatives of all seaports between Boston and Norfolk, has just completed a study of this phase of postwar ship planning under auspices of the North Atlantic Ports Traffic Conference. The latter is a voluntary association of representatives of public and commercial bodies charged with the responsibility of protecting and developing the various North Atlantic ports.

Many vessels of prewar coastwise lines—taken over by the Government at the beginning of the American participation in the war—have been lost and the war building program generally has failed to produce ships suitable for adaptation to coastwise service, it was pointed out by the Conference. The war-built vessels are too large and too slow for economical and profitable coastwise operations after peace comes, and are not the side port type required for that trade.

But even if the Government adopts recommendations of the Ports Conference and takes all steps "to restore coastwise shipping to its established place in the national transportation system," there is some doubt about restoration of the prewar volume of coastwise ocean traffic, port spokesmen declared.

Before the Government took over all shipping for the war effort, Boston's once flourishing coastal service began to dwindle, it was recalled by port interests. Line after line withdrew or abandoned its Boston service for a diversity of reasons involving earning power—or lack of it.

Failure to restore coastwise shipping at the end of the war, however, "would wipe out an important American industry, seriously affecting the economy of large areas of the country, severely disrupt a large segment of labor, and raise the price of certain basic goods to the consuming public," the Conference charged.

"Unless prompt and proper steps are taken by the Government now to furnish replacement ships, the coastwise lines will be prevented from restoring service to the ports and interior points when the war ends in Europe. Lack of suitable vessels will put some of the lines, if not all of them, out of business," the Conference stated.

At the end of 1940 there were more than 500 vessels of more than 1,000 gross tons each in the coastwise trade employing directly about 100,000 workers.

The Conference informed the Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration that many United States ports "could not survive the permanent loss of coastwise business" and that there would be a deterioration of port facilities in which vast amounts of public and private funds have been invested.

Industries located at or near ports rely on the low-cost service of coastwise shipping, continued the Conference. The low value of many basic raw materials makes their shipment for long distances impossible under peacetime conditions, excepting by the most economical means of transportation, the Conference declared. Failure to restore coastwise shipping would seriously affect the economy of all business related to these basic industries and raise the price of finished goods to the consuming public.

Membership of the Conference includes the Boston Port Authority, the Boston Chamber of Commerce, New Bedford Board of Commerce, Providence Chamber of Commerce and similar groups all the way to Norfolk.

San Jose Launched

Named for one of the original ships of the United Fruit Company—the San Jose which was lost in a North Atlantic collision in the early days of the present war—the third of six all-refrigerated ships building for the United States Mail Line, a subsidiary of the United Fruit Company, was launched recently at Mobile, Ala. The new San Jose is 431 feet long. The old one was a frequent visitor at the port of Boston.

Longshoremen Needed

Recent increased activity at the port of Boston, which resulted in an appeal to erstwhile longshoremen to return to waterfront jobs, has been reflected in sharp increases in demand at Boston for ships' stores, according to John T. Lang, Chairman of the Ship Supplies Committee of the Foreign Commerce Club of Boston, Inc. Because of the larger volume of business, the Committee has ordered large quantities of "set-aside" foods forwarded to Boston.

N. E. Adds 12 Ships

New England shipyards contributed 12 ships to the national total of 154 that were delivered by merchant shipbuilders in November, according to the Maritime Commission. Nine were built at the New England Shipbuilding Corporation yard, South Portland, Maine, and were EC2 cargo ships. Three were built at the Walsh-Kaiser Company, Inc., yard at Providence, R. I., and are of the military type.

Lobsters Flown West

In line with the policy of the American Airlines of opening up new markets for New England products, Maine lobsters are being flown to the West Coast from Boston twice weekly, according to Frank J. Beach, Regional Cargo Manager. At present the lobsters are cooked before shipping, but live lobsters are expected to be shipped shortly. Engineers are working on special shipping containers for air transportation of New England lobsters and fish.

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They Know Answers

By a Staff Photographer

Reserve Coastguardmen Win in Quiz of Two Cities

Competing in the weekly Boston vs. Providence "Quiz of Two Cities" radio program, presented over the Yankee Network, these four Boston members of the United States Coast Guard Temporary Reserve topped four Coastguardmen from the Providence area last night. All of them insurance workers, they volunteer their services for at least 12 hours each week in the Temporary Reserve, releasing regular Coastguardmen for active duty. Front row, left to right, Gordon D. Paris, chief specialist, of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company; Joseph F. Cleary, specialist second class, of Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Company. Back row, left to right: Benjamin Thayer, signalman third class, of American Mutual Liability Insurance Company; Clayton B. Wentworth, specialist first class, of New England Mutual Life Insurance Company. Standing at the left behind the "mike" is Boston's Quiz Master, Lester Smith.

Lights to Shine Once More On Boston's Christmas Eve

Candlelight and the music of spinet and violin will return to Boston on Christmas Eve to invoke the "Spirit of Christmas Past" on Beacon Hill; while below at the Buddies' Club on the Common, at the Stage Door Canteen on Boylston Street, and at USO clubs all around the city, swing bands will be sounding forth the "Spirit of Christmas Present."

It will be a light, bright, gay Christmas Eve. The dimout is a thing of the past, so that within the limits of the supply of the electrical shops, windows of homes throughout the city will twinkle with lights. "On the Hill" the street lights will be outdone by gleaming candlelight from houses where the custom of open house to all is still being followed.

The giant Municipal Christmas Tree to be lighted officially today at 5 p. m., will furnish the focal point around which carolers will chorus the old traditional lays on Saturday and Sunday nights.

Mayor Tobin will deliver his Christmas message at the tree-lighting ceremony. A brass ensemble will present familiar carols, and the tree will be lighted by William P. Long, Chairman of the Boston Park Commission.

Pedestrian traffic topped all records in the City yesterday, police reported, as last-minute shoppers swarmed the streets. Today, preholiday bus and rail travel will reach its peak, although officials announced that there was space for all passengers this year.

Prospects for snow for Christmas remained in the "possibility" stage today, with the weatherman indicating "partly cloudy" today, changing to "fair" on Sunday, with "possible light snow on Christmas Day."

Christian Ideals

It is Boston's fourth wartime Christmas, however, and in spite of the gaiety and glitter and the frantic shopping for gifts and the scramble for luxuries, there is evident everywhere a spirit of determined consecration to the ideals of Christianity. Mayor Tobin and the Citizens' Public Celebrations Association of Boston have put it this way: "This year as last year, Christmas comes as the Nation is actively in a World War against influences that would actually kill the Christian spirit as Americans understand and intend to continue it. The influence of this particular spiritual and confidence-sustaining observance makes it not only permissible but a desirable war morale measure, all with due heed to the true spirit and traditions of the season."

On this keynote, a full program has been planned, which will include the familiar Copley Square Nativity Scene, a continuous all-evening parade of strolling carolers through the hotels and on Beacon Hill, as well as at Parkman Bandstand on the Common. Churches of the city have been asked to play their chimes.

The chimes of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, will be played immediately following the Sunday evening service.

Candlelight Service

King's Chapel will hold its traditional Candlelight Service at 10:30 at night; and Trinity Church in Copley Square plans a Christmas pageant at 4 p. m., an organ recital of Christmas music at 7, a candlelight service at 7:30, and finally midnight communion at 11:30 p. m. Other churches throughout the city will hold services in accordance with the customs of the various denominations at Christmas season.

Every night this past week-before-Christmas, members of the American Theater Wing here have held special parties at the Stage Door Canteen, for the benefit of servicemen. And on Christmas Eve itself there will be a very special party with entertainment by a complete vaudeville unit, and a musical quiz with prizes for winners and losers alike.

The Salvation Army at its Red Shield Service Clubs will hold Christmas Eve vespers, chimes, singing, and a buffet supper. On Christmas day, besides turkey dinner, each service man will be given Christmas presents of writing paper, shaving soap and lotion, candy, pencils, puzzles, etc. There will be a "Jul Kaffe," or Swedish coffee party for them at 4:30, and at 8 a party with club hostesses.

The Salvation Army Stationary Canteen on Boston Common will serve turkey sandwiches on Christmas Day at one o'clock.

Members of the Women's City Club and their guests are invited to hear a lecture of Christmas music on Christmas eve at 7:30 o'clock, by Dorothy Horan, contralto, Helen Zoe Duncan, pianist, and Mildred Taylor Shaw, violinist.

On Saturday, December 23, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will again send trucks to various points in the city where horses are to be found in numbers, to bring them gifts of oats, carrots, and apples, and to serve their drivers with coffee and doughnuts. The Society has been doing this for nearly 30 years.

The Volunteers of America are once more providing Christmas dinners to needy elderly men and women. Other organizations, including the city's many settlement houses, are bringing cheer and practical assistance to the aged and the poor. Schools and nurseries and social agencies have been busy all week doing things for the little children, showering gifts upon them from hundreds of community and agency Christmas trees and at the hands of hundreds of willing Santa Claus's made up for the occasion.

Thus Boston is celebrating Christmas.

Measure Filed To Protect Pay Of Farm Labor

Farm laborers who cannot collect their pay from their employers should be given the same protection of State law as all other workers, and a bill to this end has just been filed by the Department of Labor and Industries, Raymond F. O'Connell, counsel for the Department, announced here today.

This is the first time that such legislation has been asked by the Department, Mr. O'Connell said. It requires the weekly payment of wages to farm workers, and also to those in domestic service. Both are now omitted from State law calling for pay by the week for all other labor in the State.

Money is continually being collected for every kind of worker, including domestics, and agricultural workers, alone, are left out. They were specifically excluded from the assistance of the State by an exemption from penalties written into the law some years ago.

Weekly Payments

"We see no reason why farm labor and domestic service should be excluded from the law calling for weekly payment of wages," Mr. O'Connell said. "They need their wages weekly as much as any employees. We propose further that the farm laborer be given the protection of the State in collecting wages due him, a right which extends today to all other workers. This exception comes about through farm employers being exempted from any penalties in case they fail to pay the money earned by their help. We urge that this exemption be eliminated.

"All other employers who fail to pay their workers are faced with possible penalties of fines of not less than $10 nor more than $50, and imprisonment of not more than two months, or both fine and imprisonment.

"Every day, people come to the States House to ask aid in collecting money they have earned but not been paid. Before the war we collected as much as $100,000 a year, but the total has declined during the war years. We have a man who handles wage cases all the time.

"Generally, the employer has refused to pay anything, or declines to pay the amount the worker claims to be entitled to under their agreement.

Number of Trials

"We have had a great number of trials of employers. It is the Department's policy to grant a hearing to both parties where there is a question. If the Department is convinced after the hearing that wages are due, then a complaint is requested by the employee from the District Court, and a hearing is held before the Clerk of the Court for him to determine whether there is enough evidence to warrant him to issue a complaint. If there is, the case goes to trial.

Many situations are cleared up by payments without resort to the Courts.

"There appears to be no good reason why farm laborers should not have the same rights as other workers.

"While the law does not specifically put the State into the collection business, it operates that way. The legislation requires that wages be paid weekly. The interpretation is that if wages must be paid weekly, they must be paid. The present law simply says that farm labor "may" be paid monthly.

U. S. Denies Envoy SoughtPeace-Table Seat for Franco

An outright denial that an American Ambassador made efforts to obtain a peace-conference place for the dictator of Spain came from the United States Department of State today.

The State Department replied to an inquiry from Prof. Warren A. Seavey, Vice-Chairman of the American Defense Harvard Group.

"In response to your question concerning a report that Ambassador (Carlton) Hayes has urged that General Franco should be a participant in the peace conference," the letter said, "you are informed that such a report is absolutely untrue."

The letter was signed by J. M. Colton Hand, Chief, Public View and Inquiry Section, Division of Public Liaison.

Events Scheduled In Greater Boston

Today

There will be Carol Singing in the Fogg Museum of Art, Harvard University, Cambridge, at 5:30 p. m. Open to the public.

Sunday

Harry F. Ward will speak at the Community Church of Boston, in Jordan Hall, on "Peace and Goodwill," at 10:30 a. m. Open to the public.

Hilda Banks, pianist, will give a free recital in the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum at 2 p. m.

Carol Singing and Christmas Music for organ and flute will be held at the Fogg Museum of Art, Harvard University, Cambridge, at 3 p. m.

"Museum Treasures" is the subject of a free lecture to be given by Mrs. A. H. C. Brown at 3 p. m. in the Museum of Fine Arts. At 4 p. m. Mrs. Sayward will speak on "The Christmas Exhibition."

Paul Hagen will be the speaker at the Ford Hall Forum in John Hancock Hall at 8 p. m. The subject will be "How to Destroy Nazism Forever."

Tuesday

Color films will be shown at the New England Museum of Natural History. At 11 a. m. the pictures will be "Animals and Plants in Winter"

B. & M. to Set Up Terminal Nursery

A fully equipped nursery will be opened by the Boston & Maine Railroad at North Station soon after the New Year.

"The railroad station nursery is intended to provide a fully equipped room where, in privacy, mothers traveling with small children may rest, attend their youngsters, and even let them nap while they wait for departing trains," a spokesman for the Railroad explained.

Local Centers Seen Best Way to Serve Vets

By R. Stafford Derby
Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Manned by trained personnel and operated under the direction of the proposed Massachusetts Veterans' Center Division, local information centers in cities and towns of the Commonwealth are seen as the most effective way to serve the returning service people, W. Rea Long, Commissioner of Veterans Aid and Pensions, said in an interview today.

Action of the Massachusetts Postwar Rehabilitation Commission in announcing that the Legislature would be asked to provide such centers as well as to establish the Veterans' Center Division under the Commissioner of Veterans' Service was strongly indorsed by Mr. Long.

The recommendations which will be included in the Commission's final report to the Legislature next month ask that all towns and cities with more than 5,000 population be required to establish these centers with a paid director, while all smaller villages will have centers operated by a director, to be appointed by the local board of selectmen.

The Commission has indorsed the program of the special committee appointed a year ago by Governor Saltonstall and of which Mr. Long is the chairman, named "Massachusetts Veterans Rehabilitation and Re-employment Committee." This Committee has functioned in setting up the primary organization of veterans' information center committees throughout the Commonwealth.

Commenting on this action, the Commission states that the centers in Boston and Worcester are well operated, but points out that such voluntary organizations have not generally been effective.

At a meeting of the State committee two steps of a proposed broad training program were adopted and are expected to be put into operation in the near future. Those approved call for intense and thorough schooling of all "general committee members" and "information center staffs."

This program is held vitally necessary by Mr. Long, who has called attention to the drop in veteran morale which occurs when faulty information given by well meaning but poorly informed persons sends a discharged veteran on a "runaround."

Another factor which is seen as complicating the entire work of veterans' agencies is the overlapping and duplication of efforts by Government and social agencies. With one recognized center in each Bay State community as the headquarters to which every veteran may go for information and where the established agencies may be co-ordinated, Mr. Long sees such proper referral and information service solving much of the present problem.

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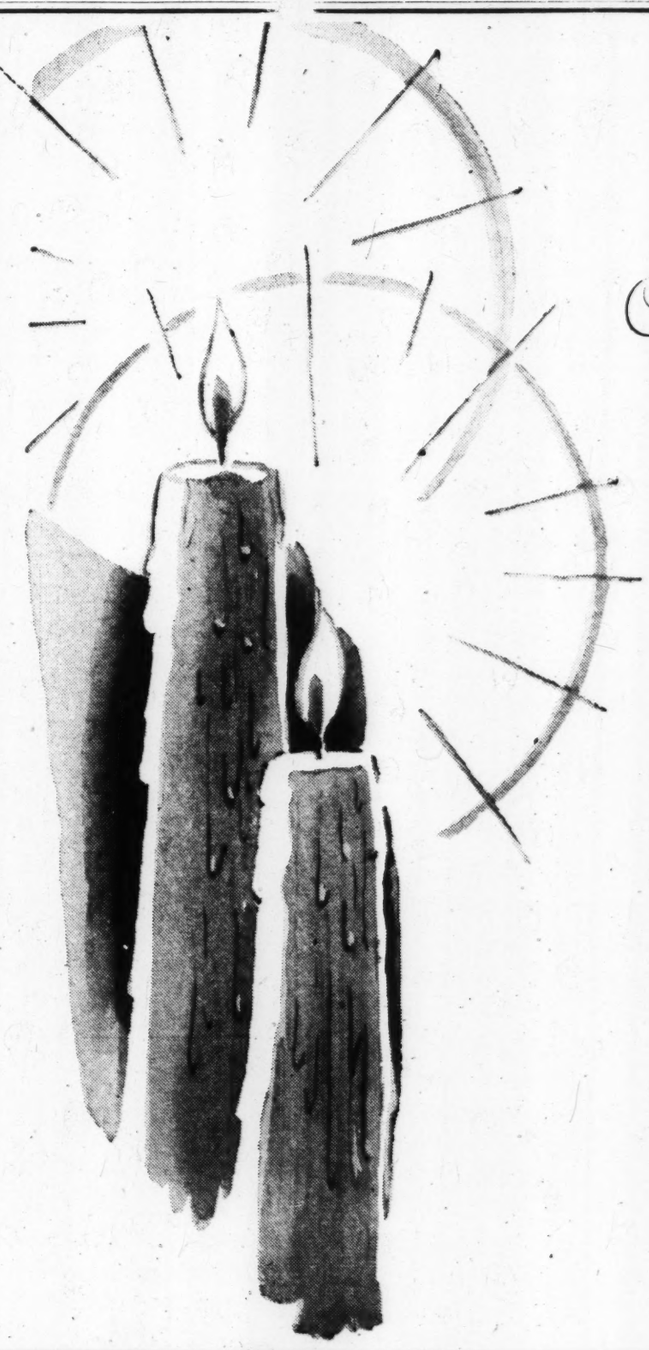

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Allied Planes Pound German Armor in West

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21 had reached St. Hubert, 29 miles northeast of Sedan and 13 miles southwest of Laroche, it was announced officially at Supreme Allied headquarters.

This was the deepest disclosed breach of the doughboy line on the counterattack front, with developments of the past 48 hours still cloaked in a security news ban.

St. Hubert marked a 40-mile advance for German armor, carrying clear across Luxemburg and 20 miles on into Belgium, from Viaden, the nearest point on the German border. Farther north, the Germans were reported 40 miles inside Belgium.

Wiltz, 10 miles east of Bastogne, was overrun. An American force holding there had been surrounded and its fate was not known.

Bastogne itself, an important communications center, has been entered by enemy troops, Supreme Headquarters said.

The Allied Command gave no word of any further progress by a German column which veered 13 miles northwest of Bastogne and reached as far as Laroche and crossed the Ourthe River, nor by a second spearhead which branched to the southwest and cut the road south from Bastogne to Arlon.

By latest accounts, the stiffened doughboy defense was holding on the northern penetration front in the St. Vith-Stavelot-Malmédy wedge. The Allied communiqué said all three towns still were in American hands.

Northern Wedge Reported Cut Off

An Associated Press correspondent in the field reported the tip of that northern wedge which had penetrated as far as Habiemont and Werbomont had been cut off by Americans along the narrow Ambleve River a short distance west of Stavelot.

Into the whole wedge, however, the Germans had brought up supporting artillery in an attempt to blast out the lines of doughboys who had fought Field Marshal Gen. Gerd von Rundstedt's first steel wave to a stop. The Germans were pouring in more armor for a second try.

New German attacks east of Malmédy near the villages of Faymonville and Bullange were fought to a standstill.

The Germans had lost 200 tanks in five days fighting around Malmédy.

Both flanks along the German break-through—at Monschau on the north and near Echternach on the south—still were regarded as firmly held.

Supreme Headquarters maintained silence on German radio reports that Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's United States Third Army had been thrown into counteraction against the lower end of the German drive, but there was every indication this was the case.

Fog still hung low over the snow-piled battlefields where Marshal von Rundstedt was making his high-stake gamble with some of his finest troops, herded in reserve since Normandy for just such a strike back.

Supreme Headquarters said German losses in manpower and equipment were unquestionably high. Fifty-five tanks or assault guns were known to have been knocked out in a single salient on the Wiltz front, and 28 more were wrecked in the fight for Malmédy, where 200 previously had been knocked out. German prisoners—not many of whom had been taken—said their losses in killed and wounded had been very high.

But there was no attempt at headquarters to minimize United States losses, clearly serious both in men and matériel.

Groups as large as a battalion were cut off, with some wiped out to a man and others still reported holding grimly in hope of relief from an American countersurge.

Elsewhere along the front the Allied winter drive remained stalemated, diverted to the task of crushing Marshal von Rundstedt's push and fulfilling Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's orders to destroy the German Army on this new battlefield of its own choosing.

Air Over Europe:

U. S. Planes Bomb Targets in Germany

American Fortresses and fighters swept out from Britain for the first time in three days and bombed targets in Western Germany.

Previously bad weather had held Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's air forces fog-bound for days while the German offensive proceeded. The Fortresses bombed their targets before 7:30 a. m. Dec. 23.

However, the size of the attack was not comparable to some of the heavy blows landed in past weeks. The targets were not named immediately.

British Lancasters and Halifaxes also took advantage of the first clear night to raid railroad yards at Coblenz and Bingen, on the Rhine behind German spearheads.

Six German fighters were shot down and three British planes were lost in the night operations.

New Secret Weapon Of Nazis Called 'V-1½'

By the Associated Press

London, Dec. 23

The Germans' new secret weapon in use on the Western Front was described here yesterday as "not V-3 or V-4 but V-1½."

It apparently is a barrage weapon and takes the form of a self-propelled shell, it was said. It has been described in front dispatches as a small V-2 rocket.

Classifying it as V-1½ might indicate that it has some features of both V-1, the flying bomb, and V-2, the long-range rocket.

Eastern Front:

Soviet Says 101 Nazi Tanks Destroyed

An official Soviet announcement says 101 German tanks were destroyed in a 24-hour period ending Dec. 21.

The fact that the long Eastern Front now lies under hard, firm snow, with deep freezes, offers the Russians just the kind of weather needed for a new winter offensive, which German reports say is under way. Throughout the war they always have commenced their biggest winter operations in just such weather and temperatures.

The Soviets are better equipped than the Germans and the record shows conclusively that they are consistently able to outfight them when the cold sets in.

The Russian High Command did not say where the Nazis suffered this huge loss of panzers. The Germans, however, reported that a mighty force of 270,000 winter-hardened Russian troops was on the move in snow-swept Latvia where an estimated 30 Nazi divisions are pocketed against the Baltic.

Further official reports of these huge tank losses would mean that a terrific panzer battle is going on somewhere and the sector is not likely to be Slovakia, for it is a mountainous country not suited for tank operations.

There was a likelihood that large-scale fighting was taking place in the five-mile-wide strip between the Ipoly and the Gran Rivers north of Budapest, although the High Command said nothing about it.

Berlin radiocasts described the Soviet surge in Latvia as "a big push of extreme operational importance."

Italy:

Canadians Dig In Along Senio River

Canadian troops have established a six-mile-wide front along the Senio River northeast of Faenza in Italy while the Fifth Army to the west made local gains south of Bologna, Allied headquarters in Rome announced.

The communiqué made the first definite mention in weeks of an advance from directly south of Bologna, announcing that American troops had improved their positions in the area of Monte Belmonte, a peak towering 2,000 feet just east of Highway 65.

The doughboys, who have been under the guns of Germans on this mountain for a number of weeks, advanced 500 yards in some places against dogged opposition.

Air Over Japan:

Nippon Planes Rise To Defend Nagoya

The Japanese flung 150 planes, manned by first-rank fliers, at Superfortresses over Nagoya, Japan, on Dec. 22 in a frantic effort to prevent further damage to bomb-cratered aircraft factories there, but the B-29's fought them off and blasted enemy war industries for 2½ hours.

The War Department at Washington said in a communiqué that not a B-29 was lost to enemy action out of the sizable force which concentrated on the Mitsubishi aircraft works at Nagoya, a city of more than 1,000,000 inhabitants 165 miles southwest of Tokyo. Five enemy interceptors were believed destroyed and four others damaged.

A Japanese communiqué claimed 16 Superforts definitely shot down, 4 probables, and 20 others damaged. The communiqué, broadcast and recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, admitted four Japanese interceptors were lost.

Overcast prevented assessment of results of the precision-instrument bombing.

Philippines:

Leyte Japanese Being Annihilated

American infantrymen, chasing a foe whose casualties total 1,800 a day, pressed mercilessly on Leyte against Nipponese retreating toward Palompon while artillery pumped shells into that last port of escape, American headquarters in the Philippines reported.

On recently invaded Mindoro Island there still was no ground opposition but the enemy continued air raids, losing seven planes in combat and two to antiaircraft fire. Two American fighters were lost.

In the Leyte campaign, swiftly nearing an end as Japanese soldiers fell at an amazing rate, the United States 77th Division was three miles beyond the Ormoc corridor advancing westward along the mountain road toward Palompon, on the northwest shoulder of the island.

The Americans, after sealing off the corridor itself, were mopping up the bottled-up Nipponese there as well as remnants hoping to escape by sea at Palompon.

Palompon is a secondary port at best, poorer by far than captured Ormoc to the south. It was doubtful that the Japanese could make good any mass escape through a rain of artillery shells and sea and air attack such as the Americans could mount from near-by bases.

An indication of the carnage wrought on the Leyte Japanese by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces was reflected in his announcement that 12,873 enemy bodies were found abandoned on the island in seven days. That is an average of 1,839 a day. A week ago he estimated 1,500 were killed daily during the first 55 days of the campaign.

Nazis Operate 'Bogus B. B. C.'

By the Associated Press

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Dec. 23

The Germans are operating a "bogus B. B. C." on their counteroffensive sector of the Western Front, radiocasting "doctored" news bulletins in English, it was disclosed last night.

China:

Fighting Continues Outside Hochih

Fighting continued without material change outside the enemy-held Kwangsi Province railway city of Hochih, where Japanese resistance was stiffened with reinforcements, the Chinese High Command announced.

Hochih, 95 miles northwest of Liuchow, was besieged on three sides by Chinese troops that successfully routed Japanese columns from Kweichow Province during the past two weeks.

A Chinese High Command spokesman said the "crisis" in the Kwangsi-Kweichow area was "over, at least for the present."

Japan Claims:

10 Allied Vessels Sunk off Philippines

A Japanese communiqué claimed Japanese planes sank eight Allied warships and transports and damaged 12 others in a three-day attack on shipping in the Philippines seas.

These figures apparently did not include two other "enemy cruisers or destroyers" claimed sunk by suicide planes off Mindoro Island.

All of the claims, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, were unconfirmed by Allied sources.

Americans Paying for Overconfidence

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above the breach are supplied from Antwerp. The United States Third and Seventh below it are supplied from Marseille. Marshal von Rundstedt, therefore, is driving between forces which have their supply lines behind them. He has little, if any, chance of cutting either force off from its supply bases. They have a reasonable chance of cutting him off.

What remains unclear at this moment, however, is the true character of the German effort. We can see its minimum purpose which is to upset the Allied offensive plan, gain a respite in the West, and delay the end in the hope that it will open the way for a compromise peace based on Allied war weariness and inter-Allied political disunity. If it should succeed only in preventing a firm united peace structure after this war, Germany might face a hard peace, but a short-lived period of military repression. Perhaps Marshal von Rundstedt was fighting mainly to prevent the kind of peace which would draw militarism out of the German thought forever.

Who Is Behind Plan?

Yet there remains the possibility that this is only part of a very different scheme. Is it Marshal von Rundstedt's plan or Hitler's? If we knew that, we could be sure. Marshal von Rundstedt is the traditional Prussian officer who thinks of war as a long-term business, or battles to be fought for a German advantage to be achieved in another generation.

But Hitler has the Götterdämmerung complex—all or nothing—a great holocaust of destruction if he does not win. If it is Hitler's thinking behind this, then we must expect it to develop in its proportions and scope far beyond the immediate field of battle in Belgium. Marshal von Rundstedt would not send in his last reserve only for the purpose of going down to defeat in a more destructive and flaming way. Hitler would. And he would use every weapon he has to destroy as much life and property as he could, everywhere in the world.

If Hitler is lighting the funeral pyre for Valhalla we will see other things happen. General Eisenhower senses this possibility and prepares for it by ordering more gas masks for his troops. Hitler could use gas now, and can be expected to if destruction is his purpose. And he has in his possession a weapon which, without any doubt, could bring the destruction of war to the American seaboard.

He possesses rockets and flying bombs which can range up to 400 miles or better. There is no mechanical reason why variations of these weapons cannot be launched from submarines. There are believed to be in existence today between 300 and 400 German submarines. Yet this submarine fleet has been notably inactive since early spring. Even at the time of the invasion there were no more than a score of U-boats known to be operating in the Atlantic.

Rocket Attack Possible

We know that one of the reasons for this inactivity has been to re-equip them with exhaust and air ducts which make it possible to run their diesel engines when submerged. This has increased their cruising range and decreased the ease of detection. Radar does not pick up a periscope and air duct just above the surface as easily as it picks up the entire bulk of a submarine running on the surface.

There remains the possibility that the German U-boats also have been equipped with launching devices for rockets and flying bombs. It can be done. And a submarine so equipped could without doubt, sail within rocket range of the American seaboard. To do this to American cities would be to injure a careful, long-range German plan. It would only increase America's determination to end German militarism once and for all. The American vote would go then with the British and Russian. It is not what Marshal von Rundstedt would do. But it certainly is what Hitler would be inclined to do, if he is still in command.

This is the extreme interpretation of the German purpose, not the likely. Yet it needs to be kept in mind as a possibility and it is, quite obviously, in the minds of the Allied High Command as something to be watched and guarded against.

Meanwhile, however, the immediate fact is that the summer's wave of American overconfidence has caught up cruelly with events. Instead of having all our energies free to fight Japan at this time, we suddenly are faced with the realization that the German war is not over and that the final stage must be fought against an enemy who has gained a considerable lead in the race for new weapons.

Better for Barrage

Rockets and flying bombs are not weapons of precision. The large V-1 and V-2 missiles required heavy fixed installations. But there are smaller versions which can be fired from simpler, cheaper, and lighter installations than a field artillery gun carriage. For laying down a barrage they are better than conventional artillery because they are more mobile.

The Germans have gone in heavily for these new weapons and are using them extensively in this present drive.

That is part of the explanation of its initial success. A bigger part is compounded of a larger German mobile reserve than our intelligence had detected and more armor in that reserve. It was known that there was a German mobile reserve of about 12 divisions behind the Roer River front. But it turns out that it was 14 or more instead of 12 and that the armored units had more new armor than had been learned.

Where did the extra strength and armor come from? The tanks must have come from factories producing faster than was realized. The extra divisions may have come from other fronts—conceivably from Norway and Denmark, less conceivably from the Italian and eastern fronts.

Behind it undoubtedly lie gaps in our military intelligence and bigger gaps in the analysis of what information did exist. Underlying it all is, however, a general, national way of thinking, a tendency to overconfidence and overoptimism which swept the nation after the prodigies of spring and summer and spread even to the front. There is no other explanation than this for the failure of the High Command at the front to anticipate an event which has imposed on American armies its worst reverse since the loss of the Philippines. But the faulty thinking was not peculiar there. They are only the immediate and direct victims of a general American attitude.

The net result poses for America a new challenge at a time when it thought and hoped that there remained only the final challenge of a weakening and defending Japan.

Swastikas Reappear On Lapels in Madrid

By the Associated Press

Madrid, Dec. 23

A fashion note:

Swastikas are being worn again here among Germans since the Nazi counteroffensive began.

They had almost vanished from German lapels following the liberation of France.

Canadian Apple Juice Expects Postwar Boom

WASHINGTON — Production and consumption of apple juice in Canada will be greatly increased after the war, the United States Department of Commerce reported recently.

Although production increased in 1940, it has decreased greatly during wartime restrictions. All production went to the account of the Government in 1943, and was delivered to the armed forces as a substitute for other fruit juices which are not produced domestically.

Nazi Organizing Ability Keeps Rhine Output Up Despite Raids

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tions work for Todt, including even divers for repairing canals, bridge builders, and electricians.

When the Sicherheitsdienst has rescued people and released them from entrapment in cellars, they are fed, clothed, and housed by the NSV, National Socialistische Volkswohlfahrt (National Socialist People's Welfare Department). This organization consists largely of volunteer women. They set up their soup kitchens wherever they can, arrange for construction barracks or temporary shelter in schoolhouses, etc.

The Luftschutzpolizei (air-raid police) has to set off alarms, block off "dead zones" in the city, and disinfect certain areas with flamethrowers, regulate traffic, etc.

Three Alarms Sounded

Three alarms are usually sounded—the preliminary alarm, the main alarm, and acute danger. Workers are not allowed to leave work after the preliminary alarm, which is only to warn civilians not in factories. Sometimes bombs begin to drop before an alarm is given, hence workers in some factories have a regular system of guards organized by themselves.

Every few minutes one of the workers goes out into the courtyard and scans the horizon for planes. If he sees some, he comes in, warns other workers, and in a minute or so the factory is empty, whether an alarm has been sounder or not.

Every city has Army headquarters, also usually a barrack or two of soldiers who help during bombings.

There are regular fire-fighting departments with modern machines and methods which are usually on the spot quickly. When a big city has a first-rate raid, the new Hitler highways are crowded with fire-fighting equipment from all surrounding cities rushing to the rescue.

Help Extends to Press

Mutual help of cities extends even to the daily newspaper. For example, when the Duisburg press was knocked out, Duisburgers got newspapers from Wesel, also from Essen. Since all German papers have exactly the same slogans and propaganda dictated from Berlin, it makes little difference where the newspaper comes from.

The Dec. 1 attack on Duisburg was called by the German Radio the "most concentrated of all." On the next day the Organization Todt, with war prisoners, was digging at the Reichsbank, getting out safes, vital papers, cleaning streets with huge steam shovels, and clearing electric wires so that by evening autos of the Army, Red Cross, and police were able to ride through.

One woman said she reached a factory 10 minutes after it was bombed and was closely followed by Todt workers.

Transport receives Todt's first attention, just as it is seemingly the chief goal of Allied bombers.

Union Guidebook to Aid Vets' Return to Civil Life

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Congress of Industrial Organizations, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America announced yesterday the issuance of a union orientation guide for returning servicemen. A union spokesman said the guide would be distributed among its members in the armed forces and among veterans of World War II who were entering plants where the union has organization.

The union said the aim of the guide, a 64-page booklet entitled, "When You Come Back," was "to aid a returning veteran to adjust quickly to civilian life, and to let the man and woman in service know how the home front is backing him up."

German Agents in France Link Coast Garrisons and Armies

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Germany, were captured near Limoges in central France, others were arrested in the Mayenne Department in northwestern France. Other gangs composed of French fascists and German soldiers in civilian clothes are reported haunting the countryside in many other sections of the country, terrorizing the farm population.

The French Provisional Government has frequently warned Allied military authorities against this danger and has urged them to put modern weapons at the disposal of the French special police, composed of members of the French Forces of the Interior.

'Fifth Column' Built Up

Today, with the German push on the Western Front still gaining in momentum, these warnings have increased weight. It appears now that, while preparing their military comeback on the battle fronts, the Nazis have systematically built up in France a "fifth column" which links the German garrisons on the Atlantic coast to the German armored spearheads pushing into Belgium and Luxemburg.

The French Government has taken vigorous steps to curb the "fifth column's" activities in the hinterland. The newly created "Compagnies Républicaniens de Sécurité" (Republican Security Groups) have gone into action and are searching the countryside for German agents.

These new police units are under direct command of the central authorities in Paris and are organized to become an efficient and mobile force. The units of the Republican Security Groups were to receive modern fire weapons and motorized equipment enabling them to appear everywhere "where the local police failed to succeed in establishing order and security."

Civic Guards Formed

How far the re-equipment of the new police has already been carried out is a matter of doubt. The French have been complaining that Allied armament was only available to the regular French army. Members of the new police have been recruited from amnog the 150,000 soldiers of the French Forces of Interior who had been receiving military training for some time.

A second organization which will help the French regular police to deal with German activities in the Allied rear are the Civic Guards or Patriotic Guards which had been set up in many French localities during the liberation period.

Government orders to disarm these partly Communist dominated-local "guard" sections have only partly been carried out. Today, disarmament measures will be postponed indefinitely and the French Government will to some extent rely on the local Resistance groups or guards to deal with what is now called in France the "white" or the "brown maquis."

The shock of the sudden German offensive will deeply influence internal developments in France, strengthening those groups who want all remnants of fascist rule to be stamped out ruthlessly.

Utah Court Asked To Disqualify Maw

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 23 (AP)—J. Bracken Lee sought yesterday by legal action to become Utah's Governor after his failure in the Nov. 7 general election to defeat the incumbent, Gov. Herbert B. Maw. The official canvass gave Governor Maw a 1,056 majority.

Mr. Lee, a Republican, filed suit in Third District Court, seeking under the Corrupt Practices Act to disqualify Governor Maw and asking that he be named Governor instead.

The complaint accused Governor Maw, a Democrat, of making "excessive and illegal" expenditures during the campaign; of using State liquor stores for the distribution of campaign literature and asserted that Governor Maw "caused the intimidation" of recipients of old-age pensions.

Carrying Postage Too Far

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 23 (AP)—A mail clerk brought Postmaster Lawrence P. Luby a letter, addressed to his daughter and minus a stamp, and got the boss to pay the postage due. Later Postmaster Luby, after reminding his daughter to impress upon her friends the practice of affixing postage to their letters, handed her the missive. It was from Miss Kitty O'Connor, Postmaster Luby's secretary.

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Total of Current Assets	$21,149,016.00
Mortgage Loans	$ 5,543,872.06
Bank Stocks	438,844.88
Mutual Savings Central Fund, Inc.	32,622.59
Deposit Insurance Fund	65,468.29
Bank Building	476,324.15
Other Real Estate	14,155.36
Personal Security and Collateral Loans	13,800.00
Total Assets	$27,734,103.33

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Nazis Began Winter Offensive On Propaganda Front in Fall

By Arno Dosch-Fleurot

Special Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 23—It is possible now to see the care with which Germany prepared the propaganda for its present drive in the West.

Although no effort was made to hide the threatening situation which existed early in December, Dr. Joseph Goebbels kept repeating that "the superiority of the German will" can overcome any assault by any number of enemies.

The Hamburger Fremdenblatt, for example, kept speaking of the winter campaign as if it were already won.

It mentioned the "September crisis" before total mobilization provided new forces and a "breakthrough in the lower Rhine seemed imminent, but declared the crisis past and even at the moment when Allied armies on the Cologne plain and Ruhr directly threatened, significantly hinted that defeat no longer stared Germany in the face.

The Fremdenblatt's argument was that Allied armies were straining every effort to get a decision before spring, as the war strain on the Allies is so great they can't materially continue the war throughout another year.

Dr. Goebbels accented the specious argument that its enemies long prepared the destruction of Germany, which Hitler alone by building an army in time prevented.

Pictures Price of Defeat

"Our enemies wanted war at any price. They neglected no opportunity to force us to make war. The present enemy leadership has known all the time why it forced war and why we were obliged to pick up the gantlet and prevent annihilation."

Dr. Goebbels, in a recent issue of Das Reich, argues that "if incidents of the war could defeat Germany, it would long ago have happened."

He says Germany can take this winter what Britain took in the second winter of the war. He admits that German losses are immense but says they are so great that it is against justice that they be in vain.

Picturing what the price of defeat would be, he argues, that Germany need only fight on doggedly and will force a peace. He even speaks of the "coming victory" when "German courage" wears

Economic Losses Flouted

the enemies down.

Leading up to the Nazi theme, "However painful our losses we have no other choice," Dr. Goebbels says Washington, London, and Moscow have been astounded by German resistance, and places the blame on the present setback to the "treason" of Germany's allies, claiming greater honor to Germany for its heroic resistance.

A fellow propagandist, Hans Schwarz von Berk, in the same paper puts up a better argument in presenting figures of material destruction on the West Front, arguing that transport is making it difficult for the Allies to continue their offensive at its present intensity, but is obliged to admit superiority in men and arms against Germany. He ends by begging the question, saying it is a mystery to Germany's enemies where it gets the strength to resist there powerful enemies.

Germany's imperialist organ, Europa Kabel, published simultaneously in Vienna, Budapest, and Amsterdam, continues to treat European economic questions as if Germany were still master of the situation, and Sudoest Echo, another widely circulated business paper published in Vienna and Budapest, in its latest issue tells of the year's crops in the Danube area as if they were still in German hands.

German papers are full of stories about the return of troops from the far-flung fronts, and the loss of Greece and the Balkans is blandly admitted as incidents of war.

The general impression in German papers is that of the Nazis telling Germans that nothing is left but to do or die; no use blaming the Nazis for the war, for as things stand they are all bound to sink or swim together.

The tone of the papers, including illustrateds and comics, pictures Germany as a going concern as usual, though temporarily hard-pressed.

As the papers are well presented and circulated reguarly, they give a surface air of normality which the actual situation belies.

The latest papers give accounts of the entire reorganization of the Army as from Jan. 1. A private's daily pay is to be one mark and a colonel's five, but the difference is made up in advantages, including payments directly to families.

White but Grim Christmas

Associated Press from United States Signal Corps

Yanks Plod Through Snow in Belgian Forest

Infantrymen of the First Army plod through the snow in Krinkelter Woods in Belgium as they advance to contact the enemy during action Dec. 13.

Christmas on Western Front: Germans Upset Allied Plans

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—A heavy snowfall along the Western Front has guaranteed a white Christmas for America's fighting men, but in that respect alone will it be like the traditional Yuletide. A great proportion of the doughboys will be fighting for their lives.

Some have the prospect of spending Christmas surrounded by Germans, others of wielding guns in counterattacks designed to drive the enemy back into Germany.

As on Thanksgiving, turkey has been taken to the front for every United States soldier. But not all will get it on Christmas Day. Most of those in the actual line will eat the usual canned rations. Their turkey will be saved and they will have Christmas dinner when they come out of battle.

Some Germans may feast on American Christmas turkey, too, for they have captured much material in their winter offensive, and it is probable the Yuletide items were included in the booty.

Hundreds of thousands of Christmas parcels from home already have reached the troops in France. But some soldiers are complaining they have received none.

The Christmas dinner planned for each soldier of the British Second Army included canned chicken, fig pudding, and candy.

In his annual Christmas message to his British and Canadian troops, Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery told them, "Together, you and I, we have achieved much. And together we will see the thing through to the end."

In Britain, many English families will share their holiday rations with Americans far from home. In Birmingham alone more than 500 Americans will be entertained in private homes.

The Army has decorated mess halls with evergreens. The Red Gross is planning dances and other entertainments. The Yanks themselves are playing Santa Claus in a big way. Similar events will take place in France, Belgium, and Holland.

There is Christmas caroling, too. One group of 40 American Army men and women is traveling about London singing carols in underground shelters and on the streets. British choirs are singing at American hospitals, air fields, and camps.

For several hundred British children, this will be the first Christmas at home in four years. They returned recently from wartime stays in Canada and the United States.

Patch's Message

WITH THE UNITED STATES SEVENTH ARMY, Dec. 23 (AP)—Lieut. Gen. Alexander M. Patch sent the following Christmas message to his men today:

"This year many of you will be spending your third Christmas far from your homes and your loved ones. You have become accustomed to living among strange foreign surroundings during past Yuletide seasons. It is not expected that this year will be very different, and I cannot wish for you the impossible—that you will pass a merry day. I can merely extend my thanks and appreciation for your splendid achievements in speeding the day when we can be reunited with our families so we may once more say 'peace on earth, good will toward men.'"

MacArthur's Prayer

UNITED STATES HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 23 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today issued the following Christmas prayer to his command:

"It is my Christmas prayer that merciful God will continue to preserve and protect the members of this fine command and return each and every one of you safe and well to your beloved homes."

Australia Needs More Wheat Seeks Markets for Its Wool

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 23—Prospects for two of Australia's staple products—wool and wheat—are giving cause for anxiety as the year nears an ends. As far as wool is concerned, the problem is one of maintaining markets, whereas the difficulty with wheat is a shortage in the estimated 1944-45 yields.

Estimate of the Commonwealth Census and Statistics Bureau, given in mid-November was 50,000,000 bushels, lowest since the 1919-20 harvest of 46,000,000 bushels. But since making of the survey on which that estimate was based, eastern states have been in the grip of a drought with the result that growers are now predicting a yield of only 45,000,000 bushels compared with last season's 109,000,000 bushels.

For the first time since wheat growing was properly established in New South Wales, whose crop exceeds that of any other state by 1,000,000 acres, it is not expected to be able to meet its own needs and will probably have to seek aid from West Australia.

It is obvious that this season's harvest, even with the addition of a carryover of probably 60,000,000 bushels stored in different states, will be inadequate to meet the needs of Australia and countries such as Britain, New Zealand, and India who look to Australia for supplies.

Fortunately, wheat problems are usually only seasonal—there is always the prospect of a good recovery the next year.

A solution to the problem of wool markets may not be forthcoming so quickly. Wool still represents 40 per cent of the Commonwealth's civil exports and it is, therefore, vital to prevent a slump in revenue from this key commodity.

For this reason the decision of the Executive of International Wool Publicity and Research Fund to extend its activities on a world-wide scale and to perfect a new process of manufacture, has been watched here not only by wool growers, but by all who recognize the wool market's influence on Australian prosperity.

Argentine Farm Exports

More than 90 per cent of Argentine's exports are agricultural.

Extortion Guilt Upheld For Seven in Film Case

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—The convictions of seven men charged with attempting to extort more than $1,000,000 from the motion-picture industry under threats "to close every theater in the United States" was upheld yesterday by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

Six of the defendants, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and fined $10,000 each, had been described by the Government as members of the old Al Capone gang in Chicago. The seventh is a former Newark, N. J., labor official, who was sentenced to seven years and fined $10,000.

They are: Louis Campagna, Philip d'Andrea, Francis Maritote, Harles Gioe, Paul de Lucia, and John Rosselli, all of Chicago, and Luis Kaufman, former business agent of the Newark local of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (American Federation of Labor).

Americas' Air Clippers Fly Holiday Goods to U. S.

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Since late summer, the cargo holds of the international clippers flying routes between the Americas have been carrying items for Christmas sale, it was disclosed by Pan American World Airways today.

Argentine handbags, Peruvian silver, Brazilian furs and Swiss watches from Uruguay and Panama already have found their way to smart Fifth Avenue shops, and American fountain pens and ladies garments have been winging in return to Latin-American large cities.

Although cargo space has been limited, there has been a brisk exchange of merchandise between the Americas this year, the airline reports.

U. S. Navy Adds Cruiser Oklahoma City to Fleet

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23 (AP)—The light cruiser Oklahoma City joined the Navy's fleet yesterday with Capt. Charles B. Hunt, Pasadena, Calif., ordering the first watch.

Guests, including several residents of Oklahoma City, gathered on the ship's deck to witness Rear Admiral Milo F. Draemel, Commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, turn the ship over to Captain Hunt.

Mrs. Anton H. Classen of Oklahoma City, who sponsored the ship at the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, Philadelphia, Feb. 6, went to Oklahoma in 1889 before it was admitted to the Union.

G. I. Unit in Egypt to Eat Yule Feast With 600 Refugee Yugoslav Children

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—American soldiers stationed at an Army camp in Egypt will eat their Christmas dinner this year with 600 refugee Yugoslav boys and girls, many of whom are orphans knowing nothing of this world but war and disaster.

The Army's traditional Christmas feast will be the opening event of a day-long Christmas party designed to dispel the loneliness of both homeless children and of soldiers dreaming of home. The meal will be followed by movies specially planned for youngsters, while a Christmas tree and a Santa Claus at the service club will conclude the party in the early evening.

Arrangements for the entertainment of the 600 children are being made by Army Special Service officers and chaplains, in co-operation with administrators of a near-by United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration refugee camp.

The refugee guests, 5 to 12 years of age, will be brought to the camp in the morning, arriving about noon. Immediately they will be separated into groups and allocated to separate mess halls in numbers consistent with the size of the regular mess patronage. Once in the company areas, their entertainment will be in the hands of unit personnel until after the midday meal.

A suitable Christmas tree has been found for the service club program. However, the committee in charge has sent out a call for soldiers who can speak Croat and Serbian to serve as liaison men, and a search still is being made for a Santa Claus who can talk to the children in their own language.

Turkish Radio to Gain By Four New Stations

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON — Turkey's National Assembly has authorized the construction of four new radio broadcasting stations and enlargement of the existing station, at a cost of $4,230,800 making clear reception possible in all parts of the country, the United States Department of Commerce reported recently.

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League's First 'Failure': Soviet Recalls 1920

By Edmund Stevens
Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

The first major League of Nations failure to fulfill its high purpose was its attitude of ignoring the Polish-Soviet war of 1920.

The refusal of the League to restrain or penalize one of its members, Poland, when the latter sought to settle its differences with Russia by force of arms left an indelible impression on the Soviet Government's thinking and in its eyes supplied direct proof of the League's anti-Soviet bias in that early period.

The newly-founded League was then taking its first halting steps in a still unchartered field of international co-operation. It had no precedents of cumulative tradition to lean upon.

Some apologists explain its inability to face up to the challenge of the Polish-Soviet conflict by this extreme youth. Others frankly acknowledged that the desire to invoke the League machinery was lacking among the most influential members. They evidently agreed with the American ambassador to Warsaw, Hugh Gibson, when he publicly stated:

"Some of us think she (Poland) is fighting the battles of the world when she is fighting the Bolsheviki."

'A Bridge for Peace?'

Soviet concepts of law and justice are different from ours. Can a bridge be found to enable the other great powers to work effectively with Russia in the peace?

To answer this question, knowledge of the viewpoint of the Kremlin, and the background of its position, is vital. Mr. Stevens, who recently returned from his second assignment in Moscow, surveys the situation in four articles. The third follows.

Clash Summarized

The sequence leading up to the Russo-Polish clash is well summarized in The Christian Science Monitor of July 28, 1920:

"As far back as last December, the Bolshevist Government at Moscow proposed to bring to an end the desultory warfare which had been carried on between the Soviet forces and the Poles for so long, and offered to negotiate peace with the Polish Government.

"Nothing came of this offer at the time. Fighting continued, with the Poles to an increasing extent successful, until finally, toward the end of March, the Government at Warsaw evidently thought itself in a sufficiently strong position to accept the Bolshevik offer to negotiate peace and, in doing so, to impose its own terms.

"The actual terms offered by Warsaw were nothing, if not comprehensive. Russia was required to renounce sovereignty to all territories obtained through the partitions of Poland, the western Russian frontier to revert to that of 1772, before the first partition of Poland. Russia was further required to recognize the independence of all states which, on the western frontier of Russia, had established de facto governments; to indemnify Poland for the devastation of lands and territories caused by the overrunning of Poland by the Russian armies since 1914; to indemnify in cash all Poles inhabiting Russian territory whose property had been destroyed; and to return to Poland vast quantities of rolling stock removed from the countries since 1914 and all the libraries, archives, and works of art removed from Poland from the first invasion leading to the first partition down to the present day.

Poles Take Action

"Finally the Poles declared their intention of occupying the Government of Smolensk until Russia had fulfilled the conditions of peace and insisted that the peace treaty should be ratified by a duly elected Russian representative diet.

"The Soviet reply to this was a request that negotiation might take place in a neutral country, and a proposal meanwhile for an armistice along the whole line. Poland declined and shortly afterward the Polish military authorities entered upon a vigorous offensive campaign."

The Soviet Government lost no time in pointing out that this Polish action was a violation of the Covenant and spirit of the new-founded League. The President of the Soviet Executive Committee telegraphed Geneva: "The Soviet Executive Committee notes that the Polish Government, which belongs to the League of Nations, has imposed war on the Russian people before deigning to enter negotiations with them . . . and in this criminal policy the Polish Government has not met with any opposition from the League of Nations, but has even received active support from certain members of the League."

League Attitude

The League attitude toward the Polish-Soviet War changed abruptly when the fortunes of the war turned against the Poles. Thus, it was that on July 11, 1920, when the Polish Army was in full retreat, the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Curzon, telegraphed Lenin urging the Soviets to accept the boundary line laid down the previous year by the peace conference as to Poland's eastern boundary—a line which had been forgotten in the interim period of Polish successes—and which thus became known as the Curzon Line.

In the same communication, Lord Curzon warned Lenin that "Britain is bound under the Covenant of the League of Nations to defend Poland within its legitimate ethnographic frontiers. If therefore Soviet Russia . . . intends to take action hostile to Poland on Poland's own territory, the British Government and its Allies will feel bound to assist the Polish nation to defend its existence with all the means at their disposal."

The unfairness of this latest use of the League struck many an observer at the time. In a despatch printed in The Christian Science Monitor of July 27, 1920, a correspondent cabled from London:

Claims Repudiated

"The claim of the Governments of London and Paris that the terms of the League of Nations demand their intervention in the struggle between Poland and Russia is utterly repudiated and described as peculiarly mischievous by many of the warmest supporters of the League.

"The truth is, declared a famous statesman, that the exact reverse is the fact. Poland as a member of the League, having invaded Russia, without resorting first to the good offices of the League, has no right whatever to the protection of the League. . . . The conviction exists, indeed, that the true reason for the succoring of Poland is to be found in the fact that Poland has been used as a catspaw."

After various diplomatic exchanges the Russians agreed to meet the Polish representatives and negotiate. Minsk was chosen as the place. But while Britain was eager to end the Polish-Soviet war, the French sought to sabotage and delay the negotiations, meanwhile sending vast quantities of arms and supplies to the Poles while the French General staff virtually moved to Warsaw and took over the direction of military operations.

Scheme to Delay

At the same time the French granted official recognition to the government of General Wrangel who was still hanging on in the Crimea.

The object of all these French moves was to delay peace in Russia as long as possible in the hopes of thereby upsetting the Soviet regime.

The Poles, encouraged by further promises of first aid were quite willing to fall in with these Fabian tactics. Finally, thanks to outside aid, in the latter part of August the Red Army suffered a major setback at the gates of Warsaw.

The Treaty of Riga which in 1921 finally established the Soviet-Polish frontier was the result of this Polish comeback, though the Poles were no longer in a position to claim the 1772 frontier or the huge indemnity. But the recollection of that first Polish peace offer of March, 1920, has remained fresh in the memory of Soviet leaders.

They also recollect that some of the people who formulated those terms are active today in Polish political circles. The Russians also filed the Curzon Line for future reference.

The experience of 1920 explains much of the present Soviet attitude toward the shape and security of the Polish-Soviet frontier. It also bears on the Soviet approach to the now-evolving world security organization.

Steady, Mates

Official United States Coast Guard

Coastguardmen Man Safety Pins and Meet Crisis

Ready for any emergency, these three Coast Guard boatswain's mates handle the situation for a little refugee baby girl aboard a Coast Guard-manned troop transport steaming out of the Far Pacific war theater. Hands, toughened by handling cables and winches, may fumble a bit on this delicate operation as they tackle a job of "shemanship" that was never covered in the Bluejacket's Manual. The Coastguardmen are, left to right: Bernard C. Dahlen, Frank M. Campagna, and John V. Bolger.

Gideons Tackle New Task, Supplying Bibles for Pupils

By Rodney L. Brink
Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Southern California

The Gideon Association is supplying hundreds of Gideon-type Bibles for the new release-time classes in religious education for public school pupils. These classes, held away from the schools, are authorized by a new State law, and are just getting under way.

The Gideons have issued—free—more than 8,000,000 New Testaments to members of the armed forces of the United States. Something more than 334,000 have been given out in California.

The work of placing the Gideon Bible in hotel rooms goes on as before. The millions of New Testaments for service folk is an extra chore, but one that is performed by Gideon Camps across the Nation.

Bibles in many other places where persons sometimes merely wait—this regular task is being expanded by the Bible secretaries of Gideon Camps.

Admiration for Group

A reporter who has seen many Gideon Bibles in his travels, and who has approved the Gideons' major plan and wondered sometimes at their ubiquitousness, developed an admiration for the organization in the course of gathering these few facts.

The reporter came in contact with just two Gideons and, reporter-like, pried enough into their personal backgrounds to learn why today's Gideons, like their prototype of old, are successful in battling the hosts of evil.

They believe that, in fact, the "word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword."

The Gideon whose battle against the hosts of the Midianites is chronicled in the seventh chapter of Judges, took 300 valiant men chosen by God and conquered and took armies which "lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude."

They believed, and they trusted, and they conquered—and that, a news reporter in 1944 can attest, is the method being followed by the modern Gideons, whose enemy is impersonalized evil, whose only weapon is the printed word of God.

The reporter met two Gideons. Each would be different, of course, in the many local camps and state organizations throughout the world.

Works Many Hours

Take Matthew E. Scholfield. He is "retired" now but probably works more hours than he did when he was foreman and inspector for the Southern California Edison Company. He is Bible Secretary of the Pasadena Camp of the Gideons. His territory for Bible distribution is "everything east of the Los Angeles River" in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

One of Mr. Scholfield's specialties is distributing the New Testaments (and Psalms) to inductees leaving for Army or Navy camps. The groups usually gather somewhere in their home town and march to a train or busses.

Mr. Scholfield fell while at his work some years ago. He was incapacitated for four years.

"I prayed as I had never prayed before," he said. "And I told God that if I ever could become active again I would help distribute his word. The promise given in Philippians 4:19 had especial meaning for me. It was my promise, and it came true. It says: "But my God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Nominated for Preacher

Mr. Scholfield is Assistant Evangelist at the Union Rescue Mission in Los Angeles' "lower end." He has been cited by the Chamber of Commerce and Board of City Commissioners in his home town of Alhambra for meritorious civic endeavor. He has been nominated a preacher by his church, and hopes to be ordained before long.

The other Gideon met in this fact-gathering expedition is Walter A. Buchanan, a manufacturers' agent. He is Treasurer of the Los Angeles Camp of Gideons, and a Past President. He is International Bible Representative for California for the Gideons. He is a Past President of the New York State Gideons.

Mr. Buchanan, too, is personified evidence of the fact that prayer is powerful in human affairs. "I believe completely in the healing power of God," he tells you.

Tells Experience

Mr. Buchanan, when President of the New York State Gideons, was the victim of an accidental shot, a 38-caliber bullet which passed through his head from one side to the other, in the region of his eyes.

"I was conscious but unable to make the fact known when the doctors in the hospital were discussing my case," he tells. "One said it would be amazing if I lived through the night. Another said it would be a blessing if I did die that night, for I would never be able to see again.

"The 103d Psalm was part of my prayer at that time, and it has stayed with me ever since. Do you wonder that I am in Bible-distribution work, and always will be?"

The reporter scanned the 103d Psalm for this writing, and quotes this excerpt: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. . . . Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies."

The original Gideon in the Bible narrative was one who took counsel with God, received divine help, and gave service as he understood God's directions.

The two modern Gideons all too briefly described here, and doubtless typical of many of their brotherhood, are following the example of their namesake. All Gideons serve without pay.

Navy Puts Wings on Its News

By John Beaufort
Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

WITH THE UNITED STATES THIRD FLEET, Via Navy Radio, Dec. 23—The United States is getting more front-line Pacific Fleet news faster than it ever has before. The reason is the Navy's new radio-transmission service.

Regular press stories and radiocasts are being handled from one of the combat ships actually engaged in carrying the sea war to Japan. In the first 33 days of its existence, the powerful Navy transmitter with Third Fleet handled 78 stories for press associations, individual newspapers, and radio channels.

The high-speed transmitter over which press material is being sent can handle 200 words a minute.

After each of three major strikes since the new arrangements were inaugurated on Nov. 14, destroyers and carrier planes made special runs to deliver the correspondents' stories from the ships on which they were traveling to the transmitting ship.

In case of plane delivery, the stories are carried in cylindrical canvas bags weighted with sand to sink immediately if they miss the ship. The pilot makes his run in the same direction the ship is moving, cuts in near the bow, and tries to drop his message bag forward of the bridge.

Press transmissions go uncoded and are radiocast sometimes within 100 miles of enemy targets. They are carried on station KG1W whenever weather conditions and security permit, and can be picked up at Guam, Pearl Harbor or San Francisco.

Seamen Thanked

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—President Roosevelt told the nation's 180,000 merchant mariners today they "have performed an heroic task in delivering the goods."

Extending Christmas greetings to the merchant seamen, the President said, "they deserve, and receive from all of us, our thanks for the job they have done."

Engineering Awards Off

NEW YORK (AP)—Engineering construction awards this week totaled $20,225,000, compared with $31,757,000, in the preceding week and $34,655,000 in the like period of 1943, Engineering News-Record reported.

Philippines Drive Perils Japanese in Indies

By Selden Menefee
Written for The Christian Science Monitor

United States strategy in the Pacific—"by-pass and isolate"—has cut off hundreds of thousands of Japanese from their bases. The technique that has brought the occupation of Mindoro Island, commanding the air flank to the South China Sea, threatens the Japanese lines to the southern reaches of the Philippines themselves, to Malaya, and the Indies.

The isolated Japanese will include not only military forces but thousands of civilian administrators, technicians, and businessmen. These groups were sent south in the early period of the war with great fanfare, and promises of riches awaiting them once the resources of the conquered areas were made available. Today they face the grim prospect of being sealed up with the troops in by-passed pockets south and east of the Asiatic mainland.

Tokyo Radio already has sounded a warning to this effect. Gen. Saburo Nagabuchi, Japanese Army chief civil administrator, was quoted recently as indicating that Japanese garrisons in southern territories henceforth could expect few supplies from the homeland because of Allied domination of sea lanes east of the Philippines.

Possibility Had Been Seen

In an interview with a representative of the Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri Hochi, General Nagabuchi said that Japan had foreseen the possibility of this "even before the war," but that "it is only recently that we have had to think about the decision for preparedness in case of isolation." The radiocast was recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

The first step in sealing off Japanese forces was the completion of the New Guinea campaign, together with the establishment of American bases in the Marianas and Palau Islands. These operations cut off an estimated 200,000 Japanese troops in New Guinea, New Britain, New Ireland, and the mandated islands.

Tokyo Radio said on Nov. 20 that Japanese forces around Rabaul were subsisting largely on local vegetables, fish, and other indigenous foods. "Tapioca has been planted, as has the taro, which is an important food item," said a Domei dispatch to Occupied Asia. "Bananas, papaya, and coconuts also help in establishing self-sufficiency. Snakes can be eaten, and lizards are delicious. Against a background of white and blue skies, we can see the sight of soldiers fishing."

The stranded soldiers have learned to make soap from copra, sewing needles from phonograph needles, and a substitute for soy bean paste from fermented rice.

Some Civilians Evacuated

In May of this year, the Tokyo Radio put the number of Japanese civilians living in the mandated area at 90,000. Some of these may have been evacuated as Allied attacks intensified; about one tenth of the civilians on Saipan and Tinian are said to have been taken off those islands in June, when we invaded the Marianas. On Tinian, 3,500 of the 15,000 civilians were organized into a corps of volunteers who fought in defense of the island.

Tokyo Radio rings with tales of heroism among these civilian fighters. One man, an expert swimmer, allegedly swam for 48 hours through waters filled with Allied craft to carry important information from Peleliu to Palau Island.

The Koiso Government has announced that all Japanese above school age in the reconquered areas—women as well as men—will be given military status as a reward for their resistance, and proper assistance supplied to their bereaved families. There is no recognition of the fact that thousands of civilians surrendered when they saw the fight was hopeless.

The number of Japanese residents in the central Philippines was placed at 30,000 last March. This presumably included at least part of Luzon Island, for the same dispatch said the Japanese Military Association of Central Luzon was giving intensive military instruction to Japanese workers. Some 9,000 Japanese were engaged in the construction of airfields.

In Mindanao, evacuation of elderly persons and young children from the cities was begun last spring. After the heavy air raids on Davao this summer male civilians also left that city, but maintain they will stay on Mindanao Island "to the finish." It is claimed that 20,000 Japanese have formed a service corps on Mindanao to train the Filipinos to fight. A voluntary labor corps also has been formed. This pattern of pressing all able-bodied Japanese civilians into military or defense work applies throughout the islands.

Van Mook Acclaims Allied Leapfrogging

By Aneta News Service

Melbourne

Allied tactics of by-passing Japanese pockets of resistance has been "immensely successful," according to Dr. Hubertus J. van Mook, Acting Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies.

The scope of this action, he added, is probably unparalleled in the history of warfare. Apart from nuisance raids and "spurious" attacks, the presence of the enemy near well-equipped Allied bases is being practically ignored. Dr. van Mook said, and Allied air, sea, and land superiority has condemned these Japanese to slow deterioration.

In the Netherlands East Indies, estimates of Japanese troops on the islands west of New Guinea run as high as 200,000. In addition there are many thousands of civilians in the Indies, sent there to take over the banks, industries, and plantations for the Japanese cartels, or as employees of the Japanese civil Administration.

Self-Sufficiency Propaganda

Indication that supplies from Japan rarely have been received in the Indies is seen in the Japanese propaganda campaign for self-sufficiency in Indonesia which began almost a year ago. Production of rice and other foodstuffs has been increased at the expense of sugar, rubber, and tobacco plantations, and even the forest preserves in Java have been forced to make way for upland rice and vegetables.

As in the Philippines, Japanese civilians are being organized into home-defense units to guard against air attack or invasion. Such units have been reported from Java and from Balikpapan, Borneo. The Java group includes all male Japanese up to the age of 40.

Less is known about the Japanese in Malaya, but they have taken over the economy there quite as completely as in the Indies. The thousands of Japanese in Malaya, Burma, Thailand, and Indo-China are less isolated than those on the islands, since they have an overland escape route to Japan.

But even if the Japanese succeed in building or rebuilding the missing sections of the Korea-to-Singapore railway, this route will not be very stable because there are three different gauges of track, equipment is lacking, and the Allies can cut the railway at will from the air.

Judging from Japanese strategy in the southern islands, Nipponese soldiers and civilians throughout Southeast Asia and the Indies may be left behind as part of a strategy to delay the Allied advance as long as possible by fighting rear-guard actions. Japan probably has no alternative. Some naval sources maintain the Japanese merchant marine has been reduced to 2,500,000 tons or less by Allied bombings and submarine attacks.

Whether this is true or not, the Japanese certainly have a merchant fleet smaller than at the start of the war, with which to do a job several times as big as in prewar days.

German Offensive Threatens Food Allotments Behind Front

By William H. Stringer
Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

PARIS, Dec. 23—Two big war offensives are crowding ahead of plans for increasing imports of food for Europe's hungry and of raw materials for Europe's empty factories. These are the German offensive on the West Front and the Allied offensive against Japan in the Pacific.

To supply the American Armies battling desperately to stem the Nazi push and to replace vital supply-dump accumulations of munitions and gasoline which the Germans may over-run, will require a further concentration of Allied ocean-going and continental transport resources in the single task of passing the ammunition forward.

To stoke the mounting drive against Japan in the Philippines and Pacific Isles and to end the world's longest supply-line, means the utilization of increasing numbers of Liberty ships which otherwise would be carrying relief supplies and sinews of industrial recovery toward Europe.

Uncertain Factors

It appears likely that the plight of China and the September prospects of an early victory in Europe has led to the Allied program for speeding up the tempo of the Nipponese war. Whether this is wise must now be judged in the light of what is happening in Europe today.

The size of the German offensive threatens to curtail Allied plans for increasing food allocations which are undertaken not only as a mercy measure but also to maintain peaceful governments and unobstructed communications behind the battlefront.

The Allied High Command has been programming food imports for several purposes; first, as a relief measure for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration which will eventually take over in lands where invited; secondly, to feed foreign workers and other displaced persons found in Germany. Thirdly, SHAEF has urged that some food tonnage be available, usable only if absolutely necessary, for distribution inside Germany as a means of keeping order and preventing starvation.

It is, however, a firm military Government rule that rations inside the Reich will never be above that of liberated countries.

The case of the industrial area of southern Limburg, Holland, tells something of a story. When our armies moved in there, civil government officials found the civilians nearly starving. The Allies since have been moving in trainloads of foodstuffs daily and expect to increase the food ration next month for these uncomplaining Dutch. But if the battlefront needs unexpectedly expand, foodstuff transport may have to wait awhile.

In the British-held area where the harvests on the fringe of German territory under occupation were abundant, military government officials carried over the surplus into Holland to feed the hungry inhabitants there. But in areas of liberated Europe which the German offensive overruns, movement is likely to be in the opposite direction. The German armies are expected to seize not only whatever ordnance munitions and oil stores they can find but also to cart off foodstuffs to the Nazi homeland which is facing a tough winter ahead.

The food situation in liberated Europe remains spotty due partially to the transport lack. France generally is credited with having a good harvest this year and better distribution would measurably relieve the difficulties there.

Holland is still suffering most seriously of all, due to flooding and German deprivations. Belgian shortages are acute in some areas and the Government of Premier Hubert Pierlot is importuning the Allies to increase supplies as a measure to prevent unrest and insurrection.

Need Raw Materials

Meanwhile, if France and Belgium could obtain raw materials and machinery for empty factories it would both assist industrial recovery and lessen Allied supply problems. Allied supply chiefs, for instance, are planning to produce 2,000,000 five-gallon gas cans, or jerri-cans, in a score of Belgian factories shortly, but are hard put to find steel for manufacture. They managed to obtain 600 tons from a mill in Luxemburg which, however, is not far from the front lines.

But the rail picture is expected to improve steadily. November showed a substantial increase in a number of loaded freightcars. French railroads plans afoot provide for more freightcars from abroad.

Meanwhile the French ports of Le Havre and Rouen have been restored to a point where they are handling considerably more tonnage than before the war, and 75 per cent of United States Army supplies is now coming directly to French ports instead of being landed in England and reshipped.

But available sea transport remains a crucial item upon which the military government, UNRRA and the liberated governments depend for the foodstuffs and raw materials they can expect to obtain from overseas.

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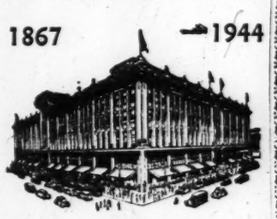
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Parents, Teachers, Students

Education

A Saturday Page

Schools, Colleges, Home Study

We Even Do Dishes by Progressive Education!

By Ernest Ell
Written for The Christian Science Monitor

You will never understand the full meaning of "Progressive Education" unless you have a Progressive Educator in your home. I ought to know. I married one.

My wife and I married immediately following her attendance at a "refresher course" at Cornell. She had been teaching in one of those progressive schools for several years, and just why she decided to take additional studies before she married me was something I could not understand at the time.

I first became aware that I was a subject for Progressive Education when I dropped a plate in one of my early ventures in wiping dishes. I don't know how I happened to volunteer for dish-wiping—I've been doing it ever since—but I suspect that Progressive Education had something to do with it. (In Progressive Education, the aim is "to induce the pupil to do the right thing through his own desires, not through coercion." See "Working Principles in Child Guidance.") Well, be that as it may, I dropped the dish, and of course it broke. I expected a wail of dismay, or even a few tears, for it was a piece of our highly prized china. But after a meaningful pause (I could almost hear her counting 10) I heard my wife say, "How fortunate that we have an open stock pattern. You'll have to buy another piece to replace it." ("The teacher never becomes excited or angry when an accident occurs, but helps the child to the correct solution of the difficulty." See "The Attitude of the Teacher.")

"If the Child Finds . . ."

The significance of "You'll have to buy another piece" did not dawn upon me until several days later, when I was asked whether I had been able to get over to the glass and queensware shop to replace the broken dish. "But, darling," I remonstrated, "I thought that you would take care of that." But no. I learned that the replacement of the broken dish was a responsibility that could not be delegated, that only I could remedy this condition. ("If the child finds that he must make retribution for his misdeeds in a way that is not pleasant to him, he will be less likely to repeat them." See Bulletin on "Misdeeds and Correction.") So I went to the queensware shop, replaced the dish, and have broken very few since.

Then I began to get the idea. Progressive Education, I was finding out, is not that particular brand of teaching dispersed by a group of instructors who matriculated at Ohio State, Columbia, Cornell, or some similar institution, but is a system of learning that goes on continuously — not only in schools, but also in real life, and especially, in my home.

Not the Only One

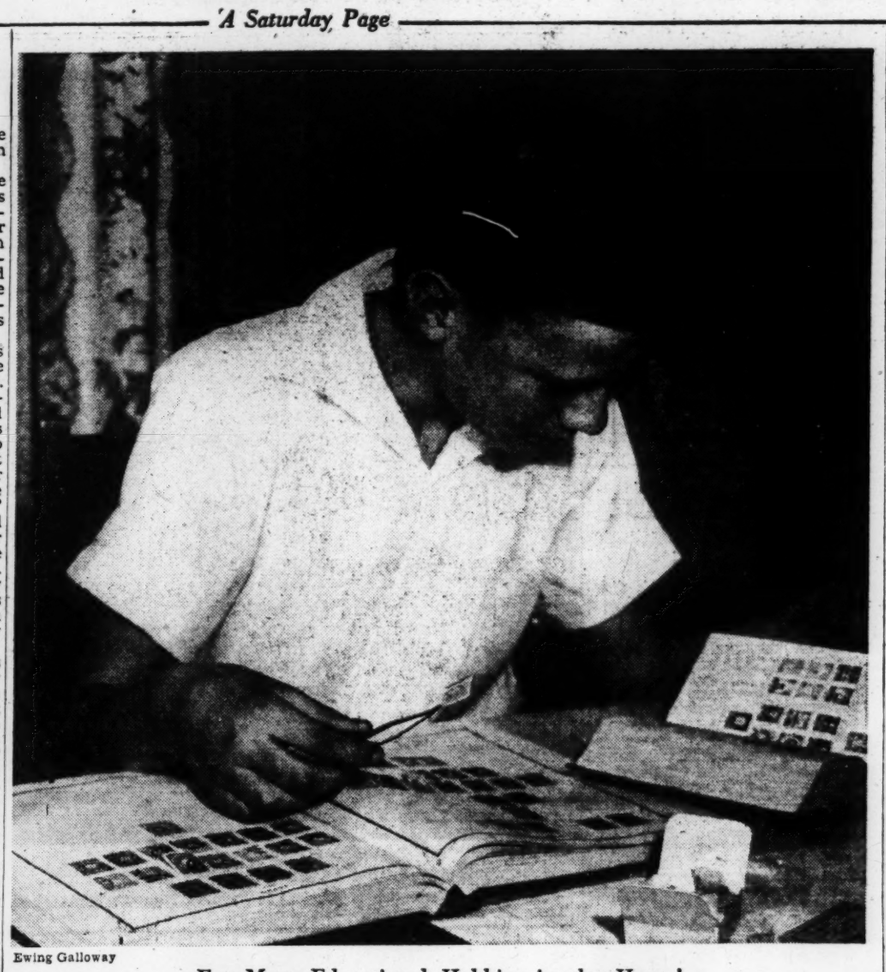
Yes, we who are subjected to these Progressive Methods are always learning. And I am not the only student who learns after regular school hours. My wife and I live just half a block from the school, and our young student friends run in to see the teacher (the use of this term is avoided in Progressive Education) whenever they encounter a problem in which her help is desired. There was the sparrow that in some unexplainable manner entangled a string around one of his legs and was dangling from a low branch in the yard of a neighbor. Four of our young friends clamored breathlessly up our stairs, gasped out the calamity, rushed out of the house with the teacher (there's that word again!) in hot pursuit, and the bird was rescued from its plight. All of us learned a lot about sparrows that day, and for several days thereafter, while we observed the recuperation of Mr. Sparrow, who had been given over to the care of one of the youngsters until he should be able to fly again.

We (the children and I) have learned about other animals, too. Rabbits, chickens, turtles, fish, dogs, cats—we've taken care of them all. The teacher tells me that this is Progressive Education in its best form.

But don't think that Progressive Education is limited to husbands and students—there's the mailman, too. Last spring, as our friendly mailman walked through the yard, he observed our silkworms, which at that time had been brought in their screen cage from the garage and were the center of interest of a group of boys and girls.

These were the first silkworms the postman had ever seen, and he wanted to know all about them. His interest was more than curiosity—he immediately linked those silkworms to his wife's stocking problems. He wanted to know, "Why our wives couldn't raise silkworms at home in their spare time, so we wouldn't have to depend on Japan or China?" We admitted that maybe he had arrived at a solution to one of our most pressing problems. But the matter did not end there—Mr. Postman trudged along his way with a couple of cocoons in his pocket to show to Mrs. Postman at home, and who knows, possibly to start our home silk industry.

In Progressive Education, it is said that teachers learn, too. My wife came home one day with a summons to appear at traffic court to answer for her failure to stop before driving across a major intersection. In spite of her fear of all those officials and judges, and the urgency of her plea that I take this unpleasant business off her hands, I somehow just couldn't find time to handle it! And she had to settle the matter all by herself. (Learning for each individual is occurring from birth all the time, everywhere throughout life. —From "Helping Children Learn," by Waring and Johnson.)



Ewing Galloway

For More Educational Hobbies in the Home!

The Christmas holidays are a fine time in which to start Junior off on a fascinating and educational hobby like stamp collecting. Never was there a day when a global hobby like this could be more helpful to a boy or girl. And there are also other home activities that can be educational as well as fun: such as the workbench in the cellar, as described last week; building a library of good books; playing some musical instrument; weaving. Young people with resources of these sorts are likely to prove steadier, better balanced, and more contented. The winter months just ahead afford opportunities for encouraging our youngsters in one of these educational home interests.

How It Goes at U. of Chicago

Chicago

The University of Chicago's step in abolishing high school credits as a basis of placing students in its College, begun full scale last September, enabled more than 100 of 800 entering students to advance beyond the level indicated in their official school credits, Ralph W. Tyler, university examiner, announced recently.

With high school credits in the discard, a battery of placement tests was given the new students, of whom 370 entered before completing high school and 424 after high school graduation. The tests required 14 hours of concentration over three days and covered the fields of English, the humanities, and the physical, biological and social sciences, including American history.

Students taking the placement examinations already had taken aptitude tests and had been accepted by the College, which admits pupils after the sophomore year of high school and grants them the bachelor's degree by the age of 18 or 19.

For a Degree

Requirements for the bachelor's degree are met by passing comprehensive examinations in the fields of knowledge represented in the placement tests, Professor Tyler explained. Students entering after the sophomore year of high school face a curriculum calling for 13 comprehensive examinations; those who enter after high school graduation have eight "comprehensives" to take.

The placement tests, however, have made it possible for many students to cut down the number of required examinations. Of the 281 who entered after the sophomore year of high school, 67 were excused from one or more year-long courses. One of these, a youth from Tulsa, Okla., was excused from four comprehensives—more than a year's work. His broad general knowledge can be ascribed to the fact that he has not decided on a career; consequently he is interested in everything.

Of this group of 281, 52 were excused from one comprehensive, 12 from two, and two from three (a year's work). The majority of these showed advanced knowledge in the physical sciences.

Comprehensives

Every student entering the College of the University of Chicago after high school graduation must take eight comprehensive examinations. But of the 424 such students entering in September, 51 demonstrated superior knowledge in the placement tests and were informed they could take one, two, or, in one case, three comprehensives without full attendance. Special advice was given them as to what specific lectures to attend. Of the 51, 17 already have taken and passed the third-year comprehensive in physical sciences, 16 with grades of A or B.

Of 89 students who entered after the third year of high school, four advanced on the heels of those in the year above: they have but nine comprehensives to take.

The placement tests, devised by Professor Tyler after 10 years of experimentation on the Midway, are being given also to veterans entering the College. Through them the veteran gains full recognition for his knowledge and training, regardless of his formal schooling.

Through the Editor's Window

The Carol of the Birds

By Millicent Taylor

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

"Whence comes this rush of wings afar, following straight the Noel Star?" So goes the charming old French "Carol of the Birds." The simple peasants of ancient times, loving the Christmas message, liked to think that the animals and the birds also experienced that first Holy Night. Many are the tender symbolic stories of the animals of the forest, freed of all fierceness and fear, drawn together in wonder and awe on Christmas eve; while the lowly ox and meek gray ass and innocent lamb of field and barnyard are often depicted in medieval song, legend, and painting as kneeling near the manger.

Humble folk know and love the creatures of the earth, and naturally share their joys and sorrows with them. So wondrous an event, they felt, must of a truth be known to all God's creation. Not alone the ox and ass, the sheep and lambs, but also the birds must have taken part in the First Christmas, they said in their hearts. The birds, following the Noel Star, took to the stable their sweetest songs. They, too, sang the joyous message of the coming of the Christ into men's hearts.

* * *

In these modern times, growing fond of the birds through feeding them day after day just outside the windows of one's home, it is easy for one to realize how sweetly and inevitably they became a part of Christmas caroling. The beautiful, free joy of them in flight and at rest, the precious friendliness of them once they realize that we humans are setting out food daily and faithfully in order to invite them near, and protecting them that they may eat in safety — these are rewards that come to us as we include them in our lives, open to them our hearts.

Once we really set out to attract the birds — especially the winter birds — and grow interested in watching them from our windows, any thought of their absence seems unbearable. They swiftly become essential to "home" — the gayest, most ethereal expressions of Love we could ask for. Cheerful little velvet-capped chickadees, sleek gray nuthatches, gentle little olive green finches, black and white downy woodpeckers, slate colored juncoes with their neat white shirt-fronts, dainty brown tree sparrows — these and many others are daily visitors at the sheltered feeding boxes outside the windows of our New England cottage. Such sweetness, such joy, such trust and friendliness as they so naturally express should indeed have won them the reward of seeing the Christ Child and flying without fear to sing their songs of peace and good will in the stable where the Light shone forth.

It is the tenderness in people which makes them feed wild creatures. Perhaps this Christmas many of you who for the first time spread an outdoor table with seed and peanut butter, or tie tidbits on an outdoor tree for our feathered songsters, will keep it up faithfully all through the winter months and join the ranks of bird lovers for all time.

"Whence comes this rush of wings afar,
Following straight the Noel star?
Birds from the woods in wondrous flight,
Bethlehem seek this Holy Night."

"Tell us, ye birds, why come ye here,
Into this stable, poor and drear?"
"Hasting we seek the newborn King
And all our sweetest music bring."

A Student Movie Rating Scale

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

Cook, Neb.

"Going to the movies tonight?"

"What's the picture?" the juniors now usually query before deciding whether or not to attend. The attitude of desiring to learn about a movie before seeing it was developed through classroom study of the impartial reviews found in discerning magazines and in the better newspapers. With the recognition of the difference between a "puff" (because the theater operator is a heavy advertiser) and a review by a trained critic, came the ability to judge and view a movie more critically. After members of the English III class had attended several of the more conscientiously reviewed movies (in small groups) they evolved a scale for rating movies. That the scale is still subject to minor changes as the students' taste improves does not impair its value.

MOTION PICTURE RATING SCALE

Characters: 25 points. (The students finally agreed characterization was more important than plot.)

	Points
1. Were the people in the story more than just "types"?	5
2. Were the actors well cast?	5
3. Did the actor (or actress) put across through acting ability rather than through mere beauty or physique?	5
4. Were their speeches well enunciated and audible?	5
5. Were their costumes correct?	5
	25
Setting: 20 Points.	
6. Was the place where the play occurred accurately depicted	5
7. Was the time when the action occurred plain?	5
8. Was the social setting correct?	5
9. Did the setting build up the proper atmosphere?	5
	20
Plot: 20 Points.	
10. Was the plot easily followed?	5
11. Was the theme both worthy and interesting?	5
12. Did the plot show good morals and good taste in details?	5
13. Was the plot's tempo suited to the story?	5
	20
Humor and Pathos: 15 Points.	
14. Was the humor fresh rather than stale?	5
15. Was it subtle rather than slapstick?	5
16. Was the pathos delicately portrayed —not mere sentimentality?	5
	15
Photography: 20 Points.	
17. Was the photography clear?	5
18. Was it artistic?	5
19. Was the picture in color film?	5
20. Was the film in good condition?	5
	20

Residential Colleges in Sweden

School for Life: A Study of the People's Colleges of Sweden. By F. Margaret Forster. London: Faber. 6s. With a Preface by Sir Richard Livingstone.

Although Danish residential People's Colleges have attracted much attention, "School for Life," by Miss F. M. Forster (Mrs. E. Evans), gives the first detailed account in English of the residential colleges for adult education in Sweden. The author went to Sweden in 1937 to study recent developments in secondary schools, but becoming interested in the People's Colleges, and being afforded generous facilities for studying them, she spent a year in doing so, and now offers the results of her findings to her fellow countrymen and women, hoping to show "how interesting, fascinating and inspiring adult education in a residential college for workers of all classes and status can be."

In fact the author believes that, although Denmark was the pioneer in this experiment, the Swedish colleges, which differ from them in some respects, have particularly helpful suggestions to offer to an industrial country like England, for a number of reasons, one being that these colleges, unlike those of Denmark, have attracted artisan and industrial workers as well as those from agriculture.

"Perhaps," she writes, "the Swedish experiment can partly answer the problem set by Sir Richard Livingstone (in his "The Future in Education," page 60). "Conditions here and in Denmark are very different. Denmark is predominately agricultural. England is industrial, and it is easier for a farmer or peasant to leave his work during the slack season than for a clerk or factory operative to throw up his job for five months and run the risk of losing it permanently. . . ."

The book includes chapters on the history, the external and the internal organization of the colleges, and a chapter each on four outstanding examples, Brunnsvik, Arvika, Birkagarden, and Sigtuna colleges. In the final chapter, dealing with the significance of these colleges, the author writes:

"The real relation of learning to living can only be apprehended at the stage of adult education, when the student has already had some experience of life outside and beyond the shelter of home, in the struggle for a livelihood and in the turmoil of industrial and agricultural competition, and in the awakening of his own physical, moral and spiritual faculties." And she adds, "The People's Colleges were born at a time when religion and idealism were in danger of being choked out of existence by the cropping up of so many tares of distraction, and when people were becoming more afraid of the entire loss of all spiritual values than of the pre-eminence of one particular religious sect; and they have not been afraid to take a stand on a really spiritual and, in some cases, specifically religious basis, and thereby to give point and vision in all the scattered and disintegrated living and thinking of modern youth." A. B. D.

Correction

Mr. H. C. Dent of London, author of "A New Order for the Schools in Britain," which we published Sept. 16, asks us to make clear that the plan for religious worship in the schools does not include introducing denominational worship into state-supported schools, as might be inferred from a parenthetical statement which we edited into his article at this end. He writes:

"I know the position must seem unutterably complicated to American readers. What is to happen, in fact, is that in 'aided' voluntary schools, that is, the schools provided by denominational bodies which continue to meet half the expense of structural alterations to the premises, the collective worship will be according to the rites of that Church. In all schools provided by the public authorities, the collective worship may not contain anything of a denominational character."

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A Saturday Page

French Music Survives

By Therése Raynal

Paris

During the German occupation of France an ever increasing number of French people sought and found in music, not only escape, but help and inspiration. A new and enthusiastic public filled the concert halls in Paris then, and has continued to fill them since the liberation. It is clear today, however, that the presence of the enemy affected the whole of French musical life.

Familiar composers were excluded from programs, some like Milhaud and Dukas for racial reasons, others because they were foreigners. Even Stravinsky was banned. German music was not considered foreign. Its romantic waves rolled over Paris!

Consequently, instead of a normal continuity in the development of French music, a gap was artificially formed between the generations; the youth of France today is not acquainted with many important works — both Central European and French, let alone the new English school — which appeared during the period after the last war. They are sometimes a little perturbed when they find themselves up against a musical language whose audacities, mastered by their elders during the past 20 years, still take their ears by surprise. A few of them react strongly; the majority, however, hungrily open the forbidden doors, and make up for lost time.

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Music during the occupation fell into two categories: music in the open, and what might be called underground music of the Resistance. The composers were scattered all over France, rather isolated from one another. Honegger remained in Paris. His music for Claudel's play "The Satin Slipper," helped to take his wartime audiences far away. He has written a "Dance of the Dead" for orchestra, solos, choir and speaker.

Jean Français, usually writing in a lighter mood, required two orchestras for his "Apocalypse," as well as solos and choir. Sauguet brought his listeners into a less stern world with the "Gageure Imprévue," an opera comique.

Among the younger composers, Messiaen, in his own special musical vocabulary, produced a quartet, "For the End of Time." The instruments, piano, clarinet, violin and cello, had already been used in the same combination by Hindemith.

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Poulenc spent half his time in the country, half in Paris. His ballet, "The Exemplary Animal," was danced at the opera, but his most important works are still unpublished. One is a cantata for a choir, a capella on Eluard, a poet of the intellectual resistance, which is shortly to be produced in Antwerp by the Caecilia choir. This choir is very well-known in Europe. Another of Poulenc's works is an opera, the "Mamelles of Tiréias," taken from the only play written by Appollinaire, the father of French modern poetry.

Auric came back from the country with a piano concerto and some songs. After three years in the south Jean Rivier's compositions will be played shortly by the French radio's national orchestra. His "Psalm" is striving to make perceptible a musical purity.

In an old Paris house in the Faubourg Saint-Germain, where the courtyard ensures quiet, I heard recently some of the "underground" music. Here Pierre Schaefer, director of the French Radio-nationale, set up a remarkable experimental studio during the German occupation of France.

On an American machine employing film, musical works for bidden by the Germans were recorded. Among them was a cantata, seven poems of love in war, by Claude Arrieu. The little band of performers would miss their last underground trains home, purposely, so that they might be compelled to stay the night, and could carry on recording undisturbed. Writers, poets, and technicians kept in close touch with one another.

When the day of liberation came, the studio in the Faubourg Saint-Germain had a special task —to make it possible for the new Russian anthem to be played with all the other Allied national anthems. There was no copy available in France. So five musicians sat round a table, listening to Moscow on the radio. They wrote down the Russian national anthem, and then copied out the different orchestral parts. When the moment came, all the national anthems were played.

Now the studio has returned to its proper work of improving wireless transmisison, finding new and better ways to reproduce music for the human voice, and being a laboratory for the French composers who have only one wish —to create music.

Academy Puts Drawings First

By Carlyle Burrows

New York

The exhibition of contemporary American drawings at the National Academy galleries in Fifth Avenue, which opened to the public last week, is the first of a new annual series. Though the academy has recognized drawings in its annual comprehensive painting, sculpture and graphic arts shows, it adopts an unusual policy in devoting its spacious headquarters to an exhibition of this subject exclusively.

The innovation adds an event to the academy's program, now undergoing some considerable renovation. For another novelty, water colors will be admitted in the academy show next spring.

A high standard for quality and skill is set by the drawings, and the choice of subjects is varied—including figures, portraits, genre, and landscapes. Artists from outside the academy are liberally represented, the committee reporting 100 invited exhibitors, as compared with 184 whose drawings were submitted and accepted by the jury.

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Drawings in charcoal, pen-and-ink, wash, pencil, and crayon are shown in traditional varieties, including dry-brush and litho-crayon. Many of the exhibits are formal in effect, while others are relatively free in style and indicate the artist's vigor and feeling when sketching from life or drawing a study for some work further to be executed.

There are excellent examples of both approaches, and none could be more spontaneous, sensitive and stimulating than, for instance, Isabel Bishop's small figures (one of a young woman fixing her earring being especially spirited), Paul V. Ulen's "Kneeling Youth," exquisite in line and classical in feeling, and Mahonri Young's "Studies of a Boxer," which encompasses, on one sheet, several figures of vigorous form in movement.

Of especial attraction is Stow Wengenroth's dark, poetically-treated "Deep Forest" and "Five Owls," the tone and detail of which are full, serene and handsome, and which hold their place on the wall with particular strength and beauty. Frederick Castellon's "Admirable Nostalgia," which is romantic and doubtless surrealistic too in its symbology, and the comparable "Rock Garden" and other drawings of Peter Blume also prove interesting.

One of the most dramatic of the drawings is Eugene Higgins's cataclysmic "End of All," which is admirably forceful and imaginative, though a shade perhaps too conventional and derivative to suit the best taste for things of present-day origin. Prominent also are Howard Cook's robust and sympathetic drawing of a "Mexican Peon" in a tonal manner which makes such drawings count most strongly; an inspired "Pegassus," in dark wash, by Paul Manship; a decorative "Rip Van Winkle," by William Gropper; a poetic Western "Landscape," by Dean Fausett, and a dynamic "Flight," by John Corbino.

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Invited artists include Rockwell Kent, Guy Pene Du Bois, Darrel Austin, John Sloan, Eugene Speicher, George Wright, and other draftsmen. But there is a notable contrast between the average works of these artists and those of such exceptional craftsmen, for instance, as John Taylor Arms, Ernest D. Roth, and Louis C. Rosenberg, whose drawings anticipate brilliant etchings and exhibit vast detail with exquisite perfection. Herman Cherry, whose "Two Women" is a simple thing, but extremely graceful and sensitive, seems to be one of the best of the newcomers.

The exhibition will be enjoyed most by those who appreciate the fact that drawing is vital to all art expression, and cannot be easily dispensed with, the claims of "primitives" notwithstanding. An artist's individuality is much involved with his ability to express well what he wants to say. If he fumbles, the drawing discloses it first of all. The show continues daily from 1 to 5 p. m. through Jan. 10.

Richard Tucker

Betty Comden and Adolph Green

In "On the Town," new musical to have its New York premiere Thursday at the Adelphi.

Fricka in Youthful Guise

By Oscar Thompson

New York

From the opera pit to the concert podium, and from the recital platform to the opera stage, were contrary transitions that have thrust into renewed prominence the conductor, George Szell, and the mezzo-soprano, Blanche Thebom.

Miss Thebom's debut at the Metropolitan Opera as Fricka in Wagner's "Walküre" was a very heartening one. With scant rehearsal, she encompassed the Fricka scene assuredly. Her voice did not sound as full as it did a year ago in recital at Town Hall, but that was to be expected. It was still of ample volume. The scale was even and the upper notes were particularly clear and dramatic. She sang with confidence and with an admirable command of style.

The outraged goddess was no mere shrew, but took vitally to heart the offense of Siegmund and Sieglinde against the proprieties of which she was the guardian. Her gestures were delivered with conviction. Although they were a little too obviously prepared—with an additional flourish at their beginning that could have been dispensed with—they all rang true. And for once, here was a Fricka who was appropriately, yet picturesquely, costumed.

In appearance, she was young for the part. The voice, too, had too youthful a sound. It was a voice for another type of melody and it was most expressive in lyric phrases. Deiner ew'gen Gattin really sounded like the aria it is often described as being. But time, it may be assumed, will take care of any lack of maturity in Miss Thebom's singing and acting. Meanwhile, there are other roles in which her youth may be of advantage, and in which she may prove a very ingratiating singer.

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Mr. Szell conducted the season's earlier "Walküre" at the Metropolitan. But on the night of its first repetition, he took over the leadership of the Philharmonic-Symphony as one of its guests. Paul Breisach assumed the burdens of directing the Wagner score that night, and it happened to be when Miss Thebom made her appearance as Fricka.

Mr. Szell has, of course, conducted many symphony concerts in the past and was introduced to New York as a symphonic conductor several years ago, when he led the NBC Symphony. But he has been identified most prominently with the Wagner performances at the opera house and with the representations given there of Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunoff." These have established him as an opera conductor of decision and superior musicality, and there was a lively curiosity as to how he would fare when he came before the public again as a symphony leader.

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Mr. Szell at once demonstrated that he was a conductor of authority in the concert room, as he has been in the opera house. His performances were vigorous and sure. There was a note of finality in all of his interpretations and they were communicated with enthusiasm. Sometimes points were emphasized more than seemed of best interest to the meaning of the work as a whole—a kind of italicizing that seemed to call unnecessary attention to effects that were already altogether clear—and in other minor details the listener may have felt a little of theatricism. But these were very inconsiderable details, and Mr. Szell must be considered to have begun his series of programs altogether impressively.

At last Sunday's concert, Erica Morini was his soloist. She performed the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto—at least the fourth time this season it has been presented by a violinist of consequence. Hers was, in this reviewer's opinion, the best of the succession of performances. Her tone was warm, her intonation accurate, her technic clean; but beyond all these, she did not rely upon main strength to meet its still thorny difficulties. There was poetry in her approach to its melodies, irrespective of their technical demands. Mr. Szell's orchestral accompaniment was smooth, vigorous, plangent.

Art Measure of Nations Taken

By Charles Fabens Kelley

Chicago

The Art Institute recently opened an exhibition called Art of the United Nations—37 nations, each represented by a single work of art. As one of the most important and difficult tasks of our day is to find some common ground upon which agreement can be established for the future good of the world, it was with high hopes, but no great assurance of success, that the Art Institute undertook the assembling of this show many months ago. Could nations as diverse as Ethiopia, New Zealand, Liberia, and Bolivia produce works of art that could approach the accepted standards of Greece or France? What of the art of the occupied countries? What examples would be available? It is fortunate indeed that the quest began so early, for the results have been gratifying both to museum and public.

For the United States, the National Gallery in Washington sent Stuart's magnificent "Portrait of Mrs. Yates," perhaps his finest work. Great Britain and Northern Ireland show Turner's painting from the Tate Gallery, "The Burial of Sir John Wilkes" at Sea; and the Institute's own Seurat, "Sunday Afternoon on the Grande Jatte," represents France at its best. "The Wedding Dance," by Pieter Bruegel, puts Belgium near the top of the exhibition, but there are a good many tops. From Holland, Vermeer's "Milkmaid" radiates light, rich color and statuesque simplicity, as it has done for nearly 300 years.

From the other side of the world, Australia and New Zealand have exhibits as wide apart as the poles. There was no native art in Australia; so it has sent a stagecoach hold-up called "Bailed Up," reminding one of our own Remington in subject and treatment. It is one of the best-known pictures in Australia.

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The Maoris of New Zealand, on the other hand, had a highly developed culture, which later New Zealanders have always respected; hence New Zealand is represented by a beautiful carved sacrificial knife of whalebone, richly decorated and inlaid with iridescent shell. The painting from South Africa might have been done anywhere. Canada shows a pleasant enough landscape called "West Wind," by Tom Thomson, who did much in the early decades of this century to turn the attention of his countrymen toward creative art.

Iran is represented by one of the finest of all carpets, woven for the mosque of Ardebil in 1539, and still glowing with soft golds and blues in intricate arabesques. India's masterpiece is a wonderful bronze Dancing Siva, unique in its expression of rhythmic motion; and China, home of landscape painting, has one of its important examples on view, "A Fisherman's Abode After Rain," breathing the poetic spirit of the twelfth century.

South and Central America show unfamiliar objects, many of which are truly thrilling. A small stone head from Bolivia, harsh in planes but delicate in linear decoration, is hard to see. The "Gudean Head" from Iraq, of about the same size, is much more impressive, truly monumental in spite of its small scale, and one of the great pieces of the show. Costa Rica's lava figure of a man, and Honduras' stunning stone head—a "Maize God—vie with a gold mask of the "Crocodile God" from Panama. Nicaragua and El Salvador have monumental ceramics; and Brazil, a contemporary painting by Portinari. Colombia shows a painting—"Nativity"—from the seventeenth century, based on Spanish traditions, and the Dominican Republic, photographs of architectural details of the cathedral of its capital city.

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Ethiopia shows illuminated "Gospels" of the year 1401, and Liberia a grim ceremonial mask of the nineteenth century; Greece has a fine fourth century marble relief of a horseman; Czechoslovakia, a portrait of Masaryk by Kokoschka; Yugoslavia, a marble by Mestrovic; Luxembourg, an enamel plaque of about the year 1200; Russia has an ikon rather over-installed against a wall of too rough logs; Poland, a late seventeenth century carpet.

The Philippines and Guatemala show costumes; and Mexico, a grisly and powerful statue—"Goddess of Death." Denmark has a porcelain group of the eighteenth century; and Norway, a print by Edvard Munch, which is characteristic of him rather than his country. Cuba has a contemporary still life, strongly reminiscent of Picasso, and Haiti, a contemporary primitive (in the New York sense of the word) of a cock fight.

Lange and Defauw Lead in Turn

By Felix Borowski

Chicago

Two concerts given by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra during the week were conducted respectively by Hans Lange and Desiré Defauw. At the first (Dec. 12) Mr. Lange brought forward the new suite entitled "Amaryllis," which Sir Thomas Beecham made out of dance movements by Handel, and which previously had formed part of a ballet for Serge Diaghileff. The great Saxon master's operas abound in such pieces, and most of them, although they may have been thrown off in haste, are of wonder-working charm. Sir Thomas, of course, realized that the Gavottes, Bourrées, Sarabandes, etc. were not much more than sketched, and he decked them out with modern orchestration. It was even to be suspected that in one, at least—a Scherzo, which came at the end—he put in melodic and harmonic material that Handel had not conceived at all.

The orchestra gave a highly attractive performance of the piece, and rose to even higher flights in its reading of Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme by Tallis. Less fine, because much less imaginative, was the playing of Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony."

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The program also included what now is known as Miaskowsky's Symphony No. 21, but which was in reality the Symphonie-Fantasie which the Russian composer wrote for, and dedicated to, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, and played from manuscript in 1940. Nothing is said about that on the printed score.

The second concert was particularly stirring if only because of the performance of Brahms' violin concerto by Jascha Heifetz. Not in many years had the work been set forth with the serene musicianship, the impeccable technique or the moving beauty of tone—particularly in the slow movement—which Heifetz found for it. Désiré Defauw and the orchestra gave a deeply felt meticulous presentation of the symphonic portion.

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The purely orchestral pieces were Chabrier's "Bourrée Fantasque," in a transcription by Felix Mottl—a jolly, semi-ironic piece which often has figured on our programs—the suite, "Escales," by Jacques Ibert, and d'Indy's "Istar" variations. Mr. Defauw gave a colorful interpretation to the first two, but missed the significance of d'Indy's work, probably by too hasty a preparation of it.

A third orchestral concert was given by the Chicago Woman's Symphony Orchestra (Dec. 11), conducted by Jerzy Bojanowski. This organization is useful to the community, not only because it gives valuable opportunities to such feminine performers as have not been able to find a place in our major orchestra, but because it occasionally offers music that is new and of considerable interest.

There was nothing new, to be sure, in the overture to Moniuszko's "Halka," but that work certainly is not one of the hackneyed curtain-raisers, and it is bright and was played with spirit. As a novelty there were given two tuneful, if commonplace, movements—"Romance" and "Cancion"—by a local composer, Inez Riddle McDonald. Also John Alden Carpenter's "Dance Suite" was played for the first time here, but as the program was spun out to great lengths by much music for two pianos, played by Vera Gilette and Vincent Micari, it was impossible to linger long enough to hear it, or the performance of Schumann's fourth symphony.

Alfredo Valente

Gwen Anderson, Alan Ross, Madge Kennedy

In "Brief Holiday," new comedy arriving Tuesday night at the Wilbur Theater in Boston.

Documentary Film

London

"Western Approaches" is a full-length feature film in Technicolor produced by the Crown Film Unit. The story deals with the experience of a torpedoed crew in their lifeboat and bristles with incident. The Navy and Merchant Service in convoy work, a prowling U-boat and its end, combine to give a vivid picture of the submarine menace. The seascapes are beautiful. The film has been made in co-operation with the Royal Navy, the Netherlands Navy, the Ministry of War Transport, and Allied merchant navies. It is dedicated to the men who fought and won the Battle of the Atlantic. The players are not professional actors but officers and men in the services.

Merchant-Type Ships to Stay At 1944 Level

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Construction of merchant-type ships will continue at the present high level during the first half of 1945.

Disclosing this today, a spokesman for the Maritime Commission said consideration is now being given to the size of the shipbuilding program for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The White House, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Maritime Commission, and the Bureau of the Budget are participating in conferences on the program for the next fiscal year.

Recommendations of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the needs for new construction are expected to be the determining factor in deciding the construction schedule after July 1.

The program for the first half of the year already is under contract, and will not be changed materially as a result of Germany's counter-offensive or other military factors, it was said.

Merchant shipyards now are turning out vessels at a rate of approximately 18,000,000 deadweight tons annually, although production in the current calendar year may fall somewhat below this figure. Failure of the shipyards to meet last year's record of more than 19,000,000 deadweight tons is due in a large measure to the shift away from slow Liberty ships to slower-building vessels such as the Victory ship and types for the military services.

This shift away from the Liberty will continue in the first half of 1945, and by July 1, all outstanding contracts are scheduled to be completed. The Commission is not expected to let any new contracts for the Liberty, and shipyards now building this vessel are expected to be put to work on other construction or turned into repair yards.

Production in the next few months will include large numbers of vessels for the armed forces, particularly assault transports and assault cargo ships. An increasing number of transport types also are on the schedule.

Holiday Work Offer

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Dec. 23 (AP)—Formal approval of the United States Maritime Commission was awaited here today on an offer by more than 500 shipyard workers to work Christmas Day without pay to speed launching of a merchant ship.

The workers, members of the American Federation of Labor unions, employed by the J. A. Jones Construction Company, have volunteered to work the holiday "as a gift to the boys overseas" and in an effort to complete a seventh ship in the yards this month.

Major Step to Racial Accord Seen in Canadian Draft Vote

By Bruce Hutchinson

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

VICTORIA, British Columbia —Now that the conscription crisis is over, it is possible for observers to assess, in some measure, its significance in Canadian politics.

Two important facts stand out:

1. The Parliamentary system has proved itself able to deal with a racial crisis which rocked the nation to its foundations.

2. The French-Canadian race —the minority of the nation which was overruled in its objection to overseas conscription—has accepted the majority verdict with far less protest and far more patience than most of Canada had thought possible.

Canadians who recall the rioting of 1917, when conscription first was imposed in Quebec, agree that the nation has come a substantial way in the intervening years. For in 1917, Quebec solidly opposed a union government which invoked conscription.

But, in contrast, in 1944, the Quebec ministers, with one exception, remained in a Liberal government which imposed the same policy. Moreover, a substantial minority of Quebec Liberal members who voted gave support to the government after it had proclaimed conscription.

This followed the speech by Louis St. Laurent, Minister of Justice, one of the most notable ever delivered in the Canadian Parliament by a French-Canadian. His plea to his fellow French-Canadians to accept the decision of the majority of the nation was a landmark in Canadian political history, for it repudiated the theory held by many French-Canadians that the provincial autonomy granted them under the Constitution extends to military service.

A distinguished constitutional authority himself, Mr. St. Laurent laid down a formula on which, he hoped, the long-term reconciliation of the two Canadian races could be achieved. In his appeal to his people for acceptance of the majority decision on conscription, he said:

"The will of the majority must be respected and it must prevail. But I trust that, here in Canada, the majority will always, as it is doing in this case, assert that will after giving due consideration to the feelings and views of the minority, and to the reasons for such feelings and views; and then only to the extent to which the majority is sincerely convinced that the general interests of the whole body politic require that it be thus asserted."

Major Step Forward

These sentiments, coming from the chief representatve of French Canada in Parliament, deeply affected the whole nation, since they seemed to indicate the prospect of reconciling the differences which so long have separated the two Canadian races. Nevertheless, Canadians realize that it remains for general sentiments like these to be interpreted in concrete action over the years.

In the immediate future, it is clear that the conscription crisis has had a marked effect on the trend of practical parliamentary politics. It has broken the Liberal Party phalanx in Quebec, which has existed, with minor interruptions, for many years. The Liberal Party cannot now count, as in the past, on a solid bloc of 60 or more Quebec seats in the election of 1945. That the Quebec delegation will be split is accepted on all sides. How it will split and where the lost strength of the Liberal Party will go, no one ventures to predict.

Thoughtful Liberals long have believed that it is a detriment to their Party and to the nation to have Quebec vote for one party only. The result of such a position is to give Quebec an undue influence in Party affairs on one hand, and on the other to make the French-Canadian situation a political football—to encourage politicians of all parties to make political profit from the irritation and exploitation of the racial problem.

Government Prospects

While the present Government is accused of appeasing Quebec, it now is believed that it has gravely damaged itself there and also its prospects in the nation at large. Certainly the Government has appeared to gain nothing politically from its vote of confidence in Parliament, for not only has it suffered in Quebec, but has undoubtedly suffered in other parts of the country, as well, for opposite reasons.

The precise effect of these things in the 1945 election, to which Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King now is committed, is uncertain. It is not possible to discover yet any sudden trend from the Liberal to any other party. No party seems to have profited by the crisis and none claims any profit so far. But there is a large, imponderable vote of protest and dissatisfaction which will be eagerly sought by all parties.

As forecast by the attitude in Parliament, the Liberal Party will seek re-election largely on the proposition that it has done well in the war, is making large plans for reconstruction and social reform, and is the only party which can hope to secure a majority and provide stable government.

So This Is New York

Wide World

He Smells Out Bombs

The King of Siam would have a hard job getting hotel rooms in New York, but not Jeff, a war dog whose specialty is smelling out bombs and who expects to go overseas soon after he poses for a magazine cover as a stimulus to recruitment of war dogs. Jeff had the run of the Hotel Commodore roof and all the attentions such a dignitary should have.

Yule Hope for Peace Sounded By Allied Diplomats' Children

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 — For the first time in a decade of diplomatic children's Christmas parties sponsored by the Greater National Capital Committee and the Blue Network, an emissary from Soviet Russia participated this year.

She was blonde Tania Novikova, whose father, Michael Novikova, is a member of the Soviet Embassy staff here. In view of Russia's past antagonism to religion, Tania's appearance along with youngsters from 35 other nations at the Mayflower Hotel here was considered significant, though she made no reference to Christmas in her brief radio greeting.

"On behalf of the children of the Soviet Union, I convey my greetings to all the boys and girls of the peoples of the free United Nations and to the children of the countries that are still under the yoke of fascism," she said. "For over three years, our fathers and brothers have been waging a life-and-death struggle for the happiness for us and for the future generation. Long live the coming victory over Hitlerism."

Hearts of the distinguished audience especially went out to Myrto Liatis, daughter of the Greek First Secretary, who, dressed like a Greek fighter of days gone by, told the radio audience, "The boys and girls of Greece may again this year miss all the joy and fun with which they had expected to celebrate Christmas, but they all join me, I know, in sending to all the children of America their best wishes."

Pretty Katherine Soong, daughter of T. V. Soong, China's Foreign Minister, and niece of Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, voiced the thoughts of most of the group of poised diplomatic youngsters when she pointed out in Chinese and English that though there may not be candy and toys for the children of China this year, "In their hearts is a hope for peace on earth."

Liliane Loridan, daughter of Belgium's First Secretary, made no reference to the recent Allied setback in her country, but said, "If the little children of Belgium can celebrate this year, for the first time in five years, a free and happy Christmas, it is because many of your fathers have gone 'over there' to chase the Germans out of their country."

Because of the delicacy of diplomatic relations, the international children's radiocast was discontinued for three years, but was resumed this year with emphasis on the fact that no matter how their parents may disagree, the children of the world should be one big happy family.

Hostess for the afternoon was seven-year-old Virginia Patterson, daughter of the United States Undersecretary of War, who wore a Dutch bob and a broad smile like her father's.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Robert E. Hannegan, Democratic National Chairman, said today a recent conference with President Roosevelt involved "no controversies and the postmaster-generalship was never even mentioned."

His statement, issued by party headquarters, was in response to published reports that Mr. Hannegan and Mr. Roosevelt had a "none too friendly" talk during the President's recent vacation at Warm Springs, Ga.

Mr. Roosevelt, asked about the report at his news conference earlier in the day, said he did not think he wanted to comment on stories of that kind.

The published account said that Mr. Hannegan went to Warm Springs to discuss his own political future and that the three newsmen accompanying the President were prohibited from mentioning the visit since the Chief Executive was there "off the record."

It went on to say that Mr. Hannegan, after the re-election of Mr. Roosevelt, felt confidently that he would be rewarded with appointment as Postmaster General. It added, however, that Postmaster General Frank C. Walker had decided to remain in the Cabinet and that Mr. Hannegan would stay on as Democratic Chairman.

Mr. Hannegan's statement:

"The statement is patently and totally untrue. Our alleged conversation and the subsequent conference with the President were most cordial and friendly. There were no controversies and the postmaster-generalship was never even mentioned. The President knows my views in regard to public office and I understand his position. Without going into details, I may state that our talks, apart from the usual holiady pleasantries were in relation to purely political matters.

"Another published story is to the effect that I was to open a Washington law office in partnership with William M. Boyle, Jr., Executive Assistant to the Chairman. That likewise is a fabrication. I have no intention of opening a Washington law office either in partnership or individually and never have."

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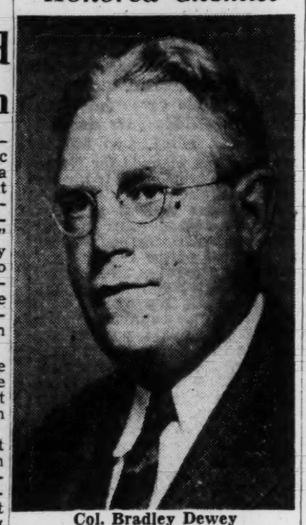

Col. Bradley Dewey

Former Rubber Director in the war effort, who has been elected president of the American Chemical Society for 1946, it was announced in New York. He is president of the Dewey and Almy Chemical Company, Cambridge, Mass.

N. Y. Butchers Seem Unlikely To Strike Now

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—The threatened shutdown of butcher shops here, set for Dec. 25, appeared to be fading today while another food strike loomed, with 2,000 delicatessen dealers throughout the city arranging to vote next Tuesday to decide whether or not to close their shops because of inability to get enough corned beef and tongue to make it worth while to remain in business.

Major complaint of the kosher delicatessen dealers, who have threatened the "business holiday" which may be joined by other delicatessen dealers, is that under present OPA ceiling prices distributors are failing to provide them with essential meat specialties constituting the bulk of the trade.

They also complain that in addition to getting only 40 per cent of their needed supplies, there is such a slight difference between wholesale and retail ceilings on processed meat that it is hardly worth the effort to keep shops open.

Likely imposition of price ceilings on livestock, a major demand of the retail meat industry, eased the threat of the butcher strike. Following a conference of high government officials in Washington, a spokesman for the Office of Economic Stabilization said a decision by Fred M. Vinson, Director of Stabilization, would be handed down in a day or two.

Since both strike threats center around the issue of price ceilings, it was held in informed quarters that if a satisfactory method was found for controling the price of meat at its source, it was likely that both meat crises will disappear.

A chief reason for the critical meat situation in this city, it was held, is the insistence of dealers upon only "choice" and "good" grades, which obviously bring the highest prices. Officials of the Office of Price Administration are known to favor an arrangement which would oblige dealers to accept some of the less fancy grades.

Much more than local considerations are involved, for if the OPA fails to provide a solution satisfactory to protesting butchers, the "holiday" of New York dealers will be joined by retailers in Baltimore on Christmas Day, with New Jersey stores closing down on Jan. 10.

Delicatessen owners blame their difficulty on three items—corned beef, smoked tongue, and ham. They charge that much of the meat formerly sold in delicatessens no longer reaches them because it is diverted by wholesalers to the hotel and restaurant trade.

Louis Molod, President of the Interborough Delicatessen Dealers Association, disclosed that the Board of Directors of his group had urged members to shut down, but that no date had been set for action.

Meanwhile, it was reported that six delicatessen stores in Brooklyn and Manhattan have already closed their doors because of alleged inability to do a legitimate business under present price ceilings.

Burrell Wagneria Collection Donated to Curtis Institute

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22 (AP)—The famed Burrell collection of Wagneria—considered the most important collection of Richard Wagner relics in existence—has been donated to the Curtis Institute of Music by its founder, Mrs. Mary Curtis Zimbalist.

The collection, purchased in 1930 from Mrs. Willoughby Burrell, British patron of the arts, for $250,000, contains letters, manuscripts, documents, and biographical material, much of which is unpublished.

Mrs. Zimbalist, who founded and endowed the Institute in 1924, is the wife of Efrem Zimbalist, world renowned violinist and former wife of the late Edward K. Bok, whose autobiography, "The Americanization of Edward Bok," won him the Pulitzer prize.

Mr. Zimbalist said the collection included the manuscripts of some of Wagner's earliest operas, including "Die Feen" (The Fairies). Stating he does not believe the opera has been performed in many years, Mr. Zimbalist said "it has not been presented during my lifetime."

Job Plea Introduces 'Guvner' to Governor

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23 (AP)—A Montana jobseeker didn't know it was logging-camp custom to call the boss "the Governor."

So when loggers told him to "see the Guvner," he promptly trucked a hundred miles to this State Capital and demanded to see the State Executive.

An astonished Governor Earl Snell telephoned the logging contractor and straightened things out.

Prices and Your Purse: Gas Coupons

By Mary Hornaday
Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Washington, Dec. 23

Motorists are asked by Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes not to spend all their new gas coupons right off but to space their purchases according to needs.

Each of the six A-14 coupons now good all over the country will be good for four gallons of gasoline and will remain valid through March 21, 1945.

"If consumers rush to their service stations to cash in as many A coupons as possible, an artificial shortage will have been created," says PAW.

Light Cord Hints

Since no new Christmas lights will be available for some time, WPB advises taking special care of the supply you have on hand:

Hints: Coil cords loosely. Store in cool dry places when not in use.

Avoid jerking cord from outlet; always grasp the plug itself.

Keep cords away from radiators and steam pipes.

Coal Weather

Mother Nature has not been exactly considerate of coal users this fall. U. S. Weather Bureau reports show that in the Midwest and West, where locally-mined coals are available in most communities, the weather in general has been milder than average.

In the East and Southeast, where householders use anthracite primarily, the weather has been somewhat colder than average.

If everybody co-operates by ordering coal early, avoiding overheating, closing off unused rooms and helping in other ways, Mr. Ickes says there should be enough fuel to go around notwithstanding Mother Nature's capriciousness.

Hams Bigger

Hams, like turkeys, are bigger than usual now because the Army has taken most of the small-sized ones to fit into its field stoves.

Tire Certificates

Tire ration certificates dated March 31, 1944, and earlier have been declared invalid by the OPA, in case you have any stuck away in a desk drawer.

Converted Bomber Hauls Mail Overseas

MONTREAL—Recent addition of a converted Lancaster bomber to the trans-Atlantic service of Trans-Canada Air Lines brings to five the number of these aircraft now employed in TCA's overseas operations. These ships are assigned specifically for air mail to and from those in the armed forces, air freight, and special Army and Navy personnel.

Diplomacy of Stettinius Tested By Latin-American Conditions

By Roland Hall Sharp
Staff Writer on Latin-American Affairs for The Christian Science Monitor

Argentina's preoccupation with arms production was shown this week in the opening of a factory by blacklisted interests to make new types of airplanes and gliders for the Air Force.

Fritz Mandl, Austrian arms manufacturer who has been in Argentina some time, is in charge of the factory. It is operated by IMPA, a firm on both the United States and British blacklists as serving Axis interests. President Farrell and Colonel Perón, who also is War Minister, attended the opening.

Confirmation by the United States Senate of President Roosevelt's new directorate in the State Department, and the President's return to Washington at a moment when the Argentine diplomatic crisis remains unsolved, gave an atmosphere of potential change to inter-American relations.

Nelson A. Rockefeller has become Assistant Secretary of State to carry forward work formerly directed by Cordell Hull, Sumner Wells, Laurence Duggan, and Norman Armour.

Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius does not have experience in dealing with Latin America comparable to that of Mr. Hull and Mr. Welles. As Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Mr. Rockefeller has traveled widely in the southern countries and dealt intimately with their problems for the past four years.

Many Critical Problems

President Roosevelt, whose Latin-American interests have been prominent since 1933, thus emerges as the most experienced and seasoned official responsible for dealing with the many critical problems now before the American peoples.

Whether the new diplomatic team in Washington will veer toward recognition of the Argentine military dictatorship, or continue the firm position taken by Mr. Hull, remains the key question in Western Hemisphere relations. The final decision undoubtedly will be made by President Roosevelt, who on Sept. 29 publicly supported Mr. Hull's interpretation of the Argentine regime as fascist and pro-Nazi.

In Argentina this week the regime nominally headed by Gen. Edelmiro J. Farrell continued a diplomatic campaign designed to convince Washington that fascist policies are being ended. The visible aim of this campaign is to win diplomatic recognition for the Farrell regime, in which Vice-President Juan D. Perón exercises the main power.

Rift in Dictatorship

Close observers of the Argentine scene reported a growing rift between Colonel Perón and other elements in the military dictatorship. The Colonel is represented as ambitious to be elected President. He also is said to be convinced that Argentina must modify its fascist and pro-Nazi policies in order to return to normal relations with all of the other American nations. Argentine nationalists are opposed to such a change.

Actions of the regime reflect these divided counsels. The pro-Nazi press has been curbed, but last Monday a new German-language paper, Die Zeitung, appeared in Buenos Aires. Pretending to have no connection with the suppressed Deutsche La Plata Zeitung, the paper is issued and supported by the same interests. Argentine postal officials issued a license for distribution of Die Zeitung through the mails.

Strike at Oil Refineries

Opposition to the Farrel-Perón regime by organized expressions of Argentine public opinion does not lessen because of gestures made toward the democracies. Workers in oil refineries recently struck at La Plata, and the Government occupied the plants.

On the political front inside Argentina, the regime is publicizing activities looking toward elections next year. A commission began work Dec. 14 on a statute to permit the reappearance of political parties. Another commission has been preparing voting lists. By these moves the military dictatorship is carrying through according to the program announced after its coup of June 4, 1943. Having "purged" political opposition, the regime plans to restore some of the forms of democracy.

From exile in Montevideo, leaders of every Argentine political party warn that the elections will be a meaningless façade. Colonel Perón is actively campaigning, but he faces deep nationalist resistance.

Typical of Conflicts

In the pattern of conflict between reactionary military governments and popular revolutionary forces, El Salvador in Central America is tense following suppression of several hundred "Liberationists" who struck against the regime of Col. Osmin Aguirre y Salinas.

The rebels held the border town of Ahuachapán several hours on Dec. 12 before being routed the following day. Eyewitness accounts of the battle field report the shooting of rebel prisoners and wounded.

Those are a few of the problems facing the State Department under its streamlined directorate which Secretary Stettinius said is designed to strengthen the handling of all diplomatic business.

Labor to Protest

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23 (AP)—The work stoppage voted by the recent Latin-American Labor Federation Congress in Colombia to protest against the Argentine Government will be held in 17 nations on Jan. 25, Vicente Lombardo Toledano, President of the Federation, said here yesterday.

Workers will pause for 15 minutes during the day, and for the same period at night, Lombardo Toledano told a press conference. Affected will be the Latin-American republics with affiliated labor groups.

"Reports at the Colombia Congress indicated that Argentina at present is general headquarters for Fascist espionage, anti-democratic propaganda, and a campaign against the United States, Britain and Russia," the labor head said.

"Military preparation in Argentina continues with accelerating progress. The imperialistic motives of the Fascist Argentine leaders are no longer a secret."

Lombardo Toledano said the Congress, at which 16 Latin-American republics, the United States, Canada, and England were represented, "not only was the most important assembly of Latin-American labor ever held, but also one of the most important democratic assemblies of any kind in American history."

Plastics Courses Proposed in Canada

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

TORONTO—Plastics and electronics will be included in the shop programs of the technical schools of Toronto, if the recommendations made by the Advisory Vocational Committee to the Board of Education are carried out. The proposed course would fall into three groups: plastic crafts, industrial design and modeling, and an actual plastics course.

Electronics have been taught at Central Technical School for 11years, but the new course would mean an extension of this subject into the field of industrial electronics.

The plastics course would be a new venture, but it was reported that the field is rapidly expanding. This means that sales staffs, production staffs and engineering staffs with knowledge of the uses, properties and methods of fabricating plastic materials would soon be needed.

Lignin Extract Proves Aid to Road Making

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON — Lignin extract, previously regarded by Quebec's pulp and paper industry largely as a waste material, has proved successful in experiments employing the extract as a stabilizing material in road construction, the United States Department of Commerce reports.

Under the method used by the Quebec Department of Roads, the lignin extract in powder form is mixed with gravel and clay, the mixture spread in layers, then consolidated by rollers. The binding power of the clay is increased by lignin to about one third of the tensile and clear strength of concrete thus making a stabilized and, semi-permanent mat.

U. S. War Aid

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ment here is that, however effective the Allies may later turn back the Nazi assault, the possibility of an early renewal of the Allied drive is about ruled out.

In the last week, it is pointed out, American forces on the defensive have expended ammunition and supplies at a rate at least equal to the rate they would on offense.

Some ground for optimism was seen in the absence of any "extravagant" German claims. The enemy reported some of his forces have crossed the Ourthe River in several points, but gave no indication the crossings had been made in strength.

The rubber division, of the War Production Board, headed by James F. Clark, made it clear today that the manpower and productive facilities released by the reduction of passenger tire output will be at once employed to net an increase of 350,000 military truck tires, and is expected to make it possible to meet the Army's order of 1,327,322 tires of this type during the first three months of 1945.

Strict Limit on Tires

Production control will be exerted through an allocation of cotton tire cord and fabrics. No manufacturer of passenger, motorcycle or bicycle tires will be permitted to use these materials except in amounts authorized by WPB. Due to a shortage of rayon tire cord, cottons will be substituted in some of the military tires, Mr. Clark said.

January passenger car tire quotas, to be announced by OPA today, are expected to be considerably under the 2,000,000 allocated civilians for December.

"It is now apparent," Mr. Clark said, "that A card holders must live with existing tire casings for a good part of 1945. Camelback of adequate quality is available without restriction. Recapping whenever needed—now more than ever—is the answer for the nonessential A card driver.

"B and C card holders cannot expect to receive as many grade one tires as had been planned. They, too, must conserve existing tire carcasses in every way if they are to continue to use their cars in their essential occupations. Car pooling, as well as recapping, is essential. A car pool of four will save 75 per cent wear on tires."

Purely Military

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The War Department favors strictly military universal training for purely military purposes, in contrast with President Roosevelt's proposal of training with educational and social aspects.

The Department, it was disclosed yesterday, has stated its policy in a circular recently distributed to officers. The circular indorses such training "for the one and only reason that without such a program the continued security of our national life and institutions can no longer be assured."

It adds: "there will be no place in a sound universal military training program for activities that are nonessential to the task of preparing our young men for combat."

The views expressed in the circular are a reiteration of those previously outlined by Department officials in speeches and before congressional committees.

Coolidge Takes on New Duties

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—John Coolidge, son of the late president Calvin Coolidge, has assumed his duties as newly elected treasurer of the Manufacturers Association of Connecticut. He is president of the Connecticut Manifold Co., Hartford.

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British 'Chiller' of 1944: What Nation Isn't Wearing

An informal proposal was recently made that the United States should ration clothes in order to relieve the acute shortages among its Allies and the liberated nations. The Christian Science Monitor asked a member of its London staff for a study of the situation in Britain.

By Peter Lyne

Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

LONDON, Dec. 23—This is a story of what Britain isn't wearing this sixth year of the war when the clothing situation has topped food as the most serious everyday problem.

Told statistically, British people are today buying half the amount of clothes they were in 1938. But that's still only half the story. For deterioration in the quality of wartime clothes and the cumulative effect of the clothes' shortage cannot be calculated statistically.

The latest official report here describes the British clothing ration as severe, and adds, "It has only been made possible by the existence of stocks which after years of war are becoming exhausted."

In other words, the stage has now been reached when personal wardrobes are bankrupt. Reserves are refused and current allowances are officially admitted to be inadequate.

A Typical Case

Take the case of a typical middle-class father of four children. He hasn't had a single new suit since the war started in 1939, except for one which a visiting American left him. No new overcoat. No new raincoat. He hasn't had a single pair of new shoes in more than five years.

The only neckties he has had were odd ones given him at Chrismas or a birthday by friends who could better spare the one coupon required for each tie. Even his handkerchiefs, which require coupons, are made of old sheets.

Then what's happened to the 48 coupons the Government gives him yearly? They have almost all gone to his children. In one half hour of breathless spending recently he used up 80 coupons for his elder son's outfit for a new school. That outfit is so modest it will have to be partly renewed before 12 months have passed.

Suit a Mere Dream

This typical father has found it impossible to keep himself in undervests [6 coupons each garment] underpants [6 coupons] socks [3 coupons] shirts [6 coupons] collars [1 coupon]. A whole suit at 26 coupons is something only dreamed of.

If he bought two sets of underwear, two shirts, two pairs of socks, and six collars in a year he would have squandered the whole 48 coupons allowed him for one year. But as his children need the greater part of his 48 coupons he is mostly spared the problem of what to buy for himself.

His wife has given him one pair of new pajamas in five years. For the rest he has a motley collection of heavily mended 1939 top-halves and 1938 bottom-halves. And if the wash is late he sneaks into bed when the lights are out in a khaki shirt and underpants borrowed from next week.

Footwear is the biggest problem for children. Rubber boots are virtually unobtainable.

Shoes a Serious Problem

In winter weather, with inferior shoe leather and with one pair always at the repairer's, mothers in country places find that they have to buy a pair of new shoes for Junior about every three months. At six coupons a pair this means bang goes half of Junior's coupons in shoes alone.

If Junior has big feet he will get maybe 10 coupons extra, but that is canceled out because he will need adult size shoes which cost more coupons. He is entitled to another 10 coupons if he takes an outsize in other garments.

Similarly industrial and farm workers get extra coupons because their work wears their clothes out quicker.

This story is written by a man, and puts a man's clothing problems first in the sincere conviction that British family men at least are on the threshold of the worst privations of all at this stage of the war.

Hitherto the men have readily surrendered their coupons to the children and womenfolk. But now their wardrobes are rapidly getting into a parlous state, It would take a king's ransom in coupons to restore them.

Privations for Women

Just the same, women's privations in clothes still remain more spectacular and harder to bear because clothes are supposed to mean more to womenfolk.

In London and elsewhere these chill December days women without stockings are commonplace. Women can purchase five or six pairs a year now compared with 14 before the war. But again that is only half the story, for the supply of full-fashioned stockings is very small.

Nonfashioned utility stockings are often found useless after one or two washings. But skilled workers of the full-fashioned stocking trade are making airplanes or other war matériel.

One of the greatest hardships for women is the shortage of underwear. They have economized in this item for five years to keep up outward appearance. Now, according to one of the girls in this office, "rot has set in." Current replacements are of inferior lasting quality.

The manpower shortage is the main factor behind Britain's increasingly acute clothing shortage. The Board of Trade is reported "extremely worried" about the general clothes situation.

The clothing industry is now ranked high in priority. As many workers as can be spared are being transferred to clothes-making. But any effect will not be felt by the public for many months, it is said, because retailers' supplies are almost exhausted and can only be slowly built up again.

Family Occupancy Hits Peak In Federal Housing Projects

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—The use of family dwellings in completed active war housing projects of the Federal Public Housing Authority has reached the highest point since the start of the war housing program, it was announced today.

On Sept. 30 family dwellings were being occupied at 90 per cent of capacity, compared with 84 per cent a year ago.

The report covers 436,000 family dwelling units under management in 1,382 projects. Occupancy of 75,000 dormitory units has increased from 56 per cent to 63 per cent of capacity during the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1944. The report did not include 24,000 dwelling units not currently in use, which are being held for possible later needs in the locality or for movement to other areas as additional war housing needs develop.

"The high degree of occupancy is due in large part to the expansion of war production in areas previously curtailed," Philip M. Klutznick, Federal Public Housing Commissioner, said. "In these areas the housing had been retained for just such a contingency as the present renewal of need resulting from changes in the war situation. Increased occupancy of dormitories generally reflects labor-recruiting drives among older, single men. Dormitory occupancy had lagged because the single men for whom most such accommodations were originally provided were drafted into the armed forces."

Leading in occupancy of family dwellings among areas with 10,000 or more dwelling units are Norfolk-Portsmouth, Va., with 97 per cent; District of Columbia, 96 per cent; San Diego, Calif., 94 per cent; and Seattle and Los Angeles, 92 per cent each.

Other localities that have 95 per cent occupancy or better in family projects include: Chicago, 98 per cent; Macon, Ga., 99; Wichita, Kan., 97; San Bernardino, Calif., 98; San Francisco-Marin County, Calif., 99; Dayton, Ohio, 98; Cleveland, 97; New London, Conn., 96; Boston, Mass., 96; Evansville, Ind., 96; Charleston, S. C., 96; Newport News, Va., 96; Detroit Mich, 96; Mobile, Ala., 95; and Dallas, Texas, 95 per cent.

Drive for a Wendell Willkie Memorial Opens in N. Y. With $55,000 Subscribed

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—With $55,000 in donations and pledges to start with, the drive for a Wendell L. Willkie Memorial Building being sponsored by Freedom House is on here today following formal opening of the nation-wide fund appeal at the premiere film of "Tomorrow the World" at the Globe Theater last night. Speaker at the official launching of the campaign was Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., President of the Memorial Committee, which has headquarters at 16 East Forty-eighth Street, where Freedom House also will be temporarily located, starting Jan. 2.

The contemplated building its sponsors hope to have ready for dedication by October, 1945, is to be a center for the advancement of organizations whose aims were exemplified in the late Republican leader's democratic ideals at home and abroad and in his internationalist views. Speaking of the widespread wish for a memorial to keep alive the Willkie influence, Mr. Hughes said that "the only question was of the form it should take."

"A statute or a monument might have served the purpose of honoring his memory," he continued, "but it was the idea of those who conceived the plan for a building that something more dynamic would better fit the character and life of the man."

The size of the building and the extent of its accommodations will be determined by the sum raised, Mr. Hughes told the audience, which was confined to members of Freedom House.

With Mr. Hughes on the committee whose honorary chairman is Sumner Welles, are Herbert Bayard Swope, Mrs. Ward Cheney, William Agar, Marshall Field, Harry Scherman, David Dubinsky, and George Field. A sponsors' committee is headed by Henry Luce, publisher.

Plans of Vets

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the Government, working on a farm, or going to school.

Aprpoximately a fifth of the men who have definite plans for businesses or farms say they will have all the capital they need. An additional third say they will have at least half enough.

At the time the men were questioned several months ago, many soldiers were still not familiar with the details of the G. I. Bill of Rights and its provisions for Government guarantee of 50 per cent of amounts up to $4,000 borrowed for farms and businesses. As soldiers become more familiar with the details of the bill and its application, it is quite possible there will be changes in the plans of some of the men, the report concluded.

Worcester Church to Aid In Greetings to Sweden

Christmas greetings will be short-waved by the Office of War Information to Sweden with the co-operation of the First Lutheran Church of Worcester, Mass, whose church bell was cast in Sweden and sent to Worcester in 1923. A special service has been arranged by the Rev. Victor E. Beck, pastor of the church.

The service, which is held from 5:45 to 6:45 o'clock Christmas morning, can be heard locally through radio station WAAB and the Yankee Network.

Metal Kneaded Like Dough in Ohio Forge

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aluminum hassock than anything else.

After the chunks of aluminum have been kneaded, they are pounded—and I mean pounded—into specific shapes. Some of the presses, two stories high, have foundations two stories deep. And yet with each drop of the hammer the whole earth shudders. It may take half a dozen blows only seconds apart to smash the aluminum into the proper molds.

Aluminum Set Ablaze

The noise is terrific and the clouds of fog that roll out with each blow almost blinds one. Occasionally the terrific heat and pressure cause an aluminum block to burst into flame. But the next hammer blow extinguishes it immediately. As the finished portion of a Pratt & Whitney engine or a propeller blade is pulled with yard-long pliers out of the press crew members inspect it quickly before sending it on for further refinements.

There is not just one mammoth press, but rather dozens in this cavernous forge, each with rhythmic thunderings shaking the building and shattering the air. The crews that serve these fire-snorting dragons, these mechanical dinosaurs are strong, sure, swift, and silent. They are the best the blacksmith trade can supply. They are grimy, but the grime becomes them. Their clothes are greasy and dirty, but no dirtier than the heavy steaming fog in which they work. There no doubt is a ceiling to the forge shop. But it is lost in the gray-green shadows of smoke.

These blacksmiths, one learns, are well paid. They make between $1.50 and $2.00 an hour, and what with overtime and time and a half they take home each month between $500 and $600. But they earn it, every penny of it.

Ex-Alcoholics to Dedicate Clubhouse

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—Providing more room for the rapidly growing New York unit of Alcoholics Anonymous, a new four-story clubhouse, recently vacated as a church, will be dedicated by the group tomorrow night, it was announced here today.

The new quarters, at 405 West Forty-first Street, formerly were occupied by Knox Memorial Collegiate Chapel, which discontinued services early this year. A large, concrete-front building, it was built in 1898 for the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

Recreation facilities for the 1,000 members in this area of the organization of former alcoholics and for the entertainment of the hundreds of visiting members who want to enjoy a trip without indulgence of alcohol are a feature of the building.

When completed, facilities will include two bowling alleys, ping-pong tables, reading and writing rooms, a gymnasium, a kitchen, and a dining room. The clubhouse also will have a chapel with a seating capacity of 700.

The organization has 15,000 members in 365 chapters throughout the United States. The present clubhouse is at 334½ West Twenty-fourth Street, and was set up five years ago.

Suez Canal Shares Held by Goebbels

By the Associated Press

Paris, Dec. 23

Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels has been holding 100 shares of lucrative Suez Canal stock, a French Government decree disclosed today.

The decree sequestered all dividends from Suez Canal shares. The money will be held in escrow pending settlement of the shares' ownership, it was believed.

The ownership of the Suez Canal has long been a financial mystery. For a half century the securities have been a gilt-edge investment, so remunerative that speculation in them was world-wide.

Willkie Awards for Negroes

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—Signalling a public cause to which Wendell L. Willkie gave devoted thought and effort, two annual awards he had planned for Negro writers were announced today for first presentation next October. They comprise a first prize of $500 and a second prize of $250 for the most distinguished writing by a member of the race on any question of general public interest appearing in a Negro publication.

Instituted in his name with Mrs. Willkie's permission, the Wendell L. Willkie awards are in tribute to the Republican leader's achievements in bettering interracial relations. They are given by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Meyer of Washington.

Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, Editor of the Richmond News-Leader, is Chairman of the Honorary Award Committee, whose members include Dr. Frank Aydelotte, Director of the Institute for Advanced Study; Dr. W. E. Du Bois, author and editor; Dr. Robert G. Sproul, President of the University of California; Channing H. Tobias, Young Men's Christian Association; Carl Van Doren, author, and Mrs. Eugene Meyer, of the Washington Post.

In addition, a judge's committee of newspapermen is headed by Mark F. Ethridge, Publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Extra Newsprint Allowed For News Sent to G. I.'s

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Newspapers which publish condensed editions for military personnel overseas may qualify for extra newsprint, the War Production Board announced today.

The agency said it would allocate newsprint tonnage to the Army and Navy from time to time. From these allotments the armed forces may grant individual publishers the right to add to their consumption quotas the tonnage consumed in printing the overseas editions.

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Of Piñon Greens and Mistletoe

"THE LITTLE ADOBE house and I do not hold with the school of thought that limits Christmas decorations to a single week. Early in December, I find myself trudging up the dirt road that winds past Tenorio Flat to the yellow hills where the piñon trees speckle the landscape.

This expedition involves more than gathering greenery. It means stopping on a wind-swept summit to stretch the eyes with a hundred miles of butte and mesa-land. It means stretching the heart at sight of flat-roofed, golden Santa Fé strung on either side of its little frozen river.

Picking piñon greens is distracting, aromatic work. Pitch clings to the fingers. There is the fragrance of sun on adobe soil, on dried weeds and on piney branches. Rabbits trot through brittle chamiso bushes. A piñon jay follows me from tree to tree with his metallic conversation.

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Day after day, I drag home more and more piñon branches and more and more New Mexican mistletoe. The little adobe house twinkles its polished window-panes and flutters its yellow print curtains that are like fiesta skirts. The ceiling beams, which are the barkless shafts of pine trees, glow in anticipation. Along their length, up and down the room, I tuck the green branches and the clumps of mistletoe with its clusters of berries like pink pearls. It is almost as if the pine tree beams had taken on a new life and sprouted a dense, fragrant foliage.

Last year I had hardly completed the decorations when snow came, such snow as New Mexico had not seen for a hundred years. As soon as I could get out, I plowed through white, banked, winding streets to the plaza to buy a Christmas tree. But there were no trees for sale that year. "It is the snow," people said. "No one can go out into the montañas after them."

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Late in the afternoon on the day before Christmas, I gave up all hope for a tree. But there was a blank space beside the whitewashed corner fireplace where a tree had always stood. The snow was falling so thick that I could not see my neighbor's house, let alone the road over the hills to Taos which is my especial delight. Drifts were knee-deep around the little adobe house. In high mountain passes, the wind was giving cow-boy yells. I lighted red candles in tin Mexican candlesticks and piled resinous chunks on the fire.

There came a gentle tap at my door. It was Armendita Apodaca in her father's sheepskin jacket and her brother's rubber-boots. She had a red woolen shawl over her head. Snowflakes clung to her long black lashes. Weary with a day's work in an "Anglo" household, she sank down in an easy chair by the fire. "It is pretty," she said with shining eyes as she looked around the room. "Tell me," I asked, "what is this room like?"

She looked from fire to pine-tree beams to piñon and mistletoe branches. "It is like being out of doors in the woods. Only we are snug and warm. You must be careful tonight," she warned, "not to frighten any little chipmunks or brush rabbits with silver tails."

We sat in the comfortable silence of people who see the same things and think somewhat the same thoughts. "My brother, Timoteo, just got in from Santa Cruz, he and his wife and six children," she said at last. "He was all day on the road in his little truck. Twice he had to be pulled back on the road by horses. He brought us a Christmas tree. Just an ordinary piñon tree. He went out in the snow and cut it on his own place. He brought us two trees. *Mamacita* thought perhaps you might like one."

I pointed to the vacant place by the fire. "All week I've been trying and trying—"

Armendita disappeared in the snow and the wind. After a long while, she was back with the tree in her arms. "Timoteo made me wait while he fixed a little standard so it will stand up," she explained. "And then he would make you a star for the top."

We placed the little tree in the vacant spot by the fireplace and fastened the big shining star on its top. Timoteo had made the star from a flattened can. It was beautifully proportioned with slender delicate points. Against the whitewashed wall, with fire and candle-light falling on its branches, the scraggly piñon had an etching-like quality beautiful beyond words.

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After Armendita had left, I thought of the amazing elasticity of three-room adobe houses that can take in, with joy, an additional family or eight. And of *Mamacita* who wanted to share her Christmas trees. And of Armendita who, after a hard day's work, faced a mesa-land blizzard to bring me a piñon tree. And of Timoteo, who made a shining star for a person he had never seen.

I knew there would be laughter and the music of fiddles and guitars in the crowded Apodaca adobe. And later in the evening, snow or more snow, there would be stealthy footsteps under my deep-set window. Childish trebles would sing in Spanish:

"Night of peace,
Night of love."

DOROTHY L. PILLSBURY

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

MADONNA AND CHILD: *A Glazed Terra-Cotta Relief by Luca della Robbia*

Hans Andersen in the King's Palace

THREE OR FOUR HOURS a week were occupied with Danish lessons in the quiet of Professor Guldberg's book-filled library. They included copying and learning one of the Professor's poems. This Hans Christian liked a great deal better than spelling and grammar to which he could not apply himself any better than he had in school in Odense. One day in the Professor's house he heard Frøken Tonder-Lund's name mentioned.

She was the girl who had befriended him in his confirmation class, and she was now living in Copenhagen with her sister who had married an admiral. Hans Christian thought it quite reasonable that he should call upon her and let her know how his fortunes in the world had improved during the past two years. He went to see her therefore at her uncle's fine house, in the billowing garments which were now his best, and she received him with genuine pleasure.

"To think, Hans, that you should have had the courage to come to Copenhagen all alone! It was really very brave of you." She marvelled even more when he told her about his disappointments and sufferings, and how now at last as a student in the Ballet School he seemed to have landed on his toes, so to speak, in the theatre.

"It might interest you to see some of the steps I am practicing," suggested Hans, and Frøken Tonder-Lund agreed smilingly that the performance would please her.

"How good she is!" thought Hans Christian, his heart expanding with gratitude at the remembrance of this young lady's kindness to him, when he was a forlorn and despised boy in Odense. "I must prove that her encouragement has not been wasted," and he almost achieved a kind of fantastic grace through sheer earnestness of feeling, as he danced and capered for her in and out among the gilt and brocade furnishings of her drawing-room.

Glancing in her direction to see the effect upon her of an especially difficult step, Hans Christian almost lost his balance. Behind the girl in a solemn wide-eyed row appeared suddenly a number of female relatives, stiff with amazement. Frøken Tonder-Lund introduced Hans and the family sat themselves down in dumbfounded silence. There was an awkward pause. . . .

In his anxiety to come to his friend's assistance, Hans Christian forgot his own embarrassment. "I was about to recite for Frøken Tonder-Lund one of Professor Guldberg's poems," he explained with astonishing calmness as he slipped his great stocking-clad feet back into his boots and made a stiff little bow. And then he smiled a wistful wholly disarming smile before which the lorgnettes capitulated and the eyebrows relaxed. Quite suddenly this tall human broomstick which they had found twirling crazily in their house was transformed into a gentle appealing boy—or was he a child?

As he recited, one sprightly old lady watched him with twinkling amusement over the top of her fan. A traveled woman of the world, she sometimes thought the society of Copenhagen exceedingly dull. Everything about Hans Christian she found refreshing. His complete unconcern that his clothes were ill-fitting and his shoes at the point of falling to pieces, his natural and unaffected ease in the presence of his betters, his naïve acceptance of his own worth! . . .

And so it was that Hans Christian entered the most exclusive society in Denmark. . . . This meant a trip to Frederiksberg Palace, whose green-tiled copper roof he had seen through the park trees when he first arrived in Copenhagen. . . .

Hans Christian was never to forget the wonder of that visit. The Crown Princess Caroline herself desired to have a look at him, and laughed and applauded when he recited and danced. When he was a man he retold this happening many times in different fairy tales—the always entrancing story of the poor boy who enters the king's palace.

He would have liked to dance home for joy when it was over. In his pockets were ten new rigsdaler, and in his hand a paper full of fruit and cakes from the Princess's own tea table! —From "The Shoemaker's Son, The Life of Hans Christian Andersen," by CONSTANCE BUEL BURNETT. (New York: Random House, 1941.)

PEOPLE OF OUR own times, looking back to Italy of the fifteenth century, find much in the field of art to rouse their admiration and respect. Regarding the works of many an artist and sculptor, they note strength and genius and brilliant workmanship. And these qualities they discover also in the sculptures of Luca della Robbia (1400-1482), but there they discover something else which not all the others possessed. They discover an engaging gentleness and tenderness. At Christmas time, when we long for pleasing portrayals of the Madonna and Child, Luca della Robbia is particularly welcome.

Luca della Robbia was a Florentine, whose work was much influenced by two other Florentines, Donatello and Ghiberti. But della Robbia, as he matured, did not manifest their emotional or intellectual intensity. With him, the thought of tenderness and of nobility prevailed.

This artist worked much in glazed terra cottas. Their color schemes were simple, in many cases showing the figures in white against a deep blue background. In this terra-cotta relief, we realize how much love the sculptor had for his subject. There is confiding trust expressed by that gesture of the Child; and there is tender love in the face of the Mother. It is a grateful thing to look at during the Christmas season.

Letter in December

If you were here this morning,
Here in this American place you know and remember,
You would perceive the color of this light.
Faintly blue it is, a pale pervading blue
That colors the heavy frost along the hedge
And is reflected from the far cold sky.
The horizon is a deeper misted blue—
There the shape of trees, the lines of the road
Are blurred and lost, enveloped in blue.
Nearby
The color of the light is harder to see
But the blue is there, a special blue that belongs
To winter, to dry still mornings with little sun,
To this time and place.
We may sometimes forget
To look for it, to see it when it is there;
But you would see it. You would walk beside
The frozen stream, and mark the line of blue
Along a branch, the mist of blue on a roof,
The blue light all around you. You would stop
And deeply breathe the remembered air of home.

ANITA LAURIE CUSHING

Yuletide on the Mountains of Wales

THERE HAD BEEN the early morning service at the little English chapel. The candles had been really needed, and the cold little place had been full of stars while Luke was being read. The tale of shepherds, and outside the church sheep were bleating as they nuzzled for the grass under the snow. The wind in the cracked reeds of the old organ died away into the mighty music of God's great winds playing upon the reeds of the Welsh mountains. We went out into an opal mountain morning; all the snows of overhanging peaks were rose above the twilight of the glens. The frost hung in long fringes on everything; even the stones were cushions of glittering pins. The hedges were feathered with the plumage of white where the birds of the frost had flown. The first long beam of the sun came down to us over the shoulder of Moel Siabod along a pathway too splendid with diamond and crystal to look at. And we met the shepherds, who have not changed since that night above Bethlehem, driving their flocks along the crooked lane as we went back to our inn.

All the day kept the mood. Winds shod with glittering snow dust trampled the mountains. Thickets of glistening holly dark green on the white. . . . Snow and sun and snow again, with the everlasting plaint of sheep wandering unseen. The sun went down at last into a majestic couch of clouds. The mountains closed in upon us till the burning brows of them were bent right over our heads; one could have reached up and touched them. Only they were too fair to soil. Then, as we threaded the blue shadows of the snowy ravines, the stars began to kindle in the wind. The mountains sank back into their places with long sighs we could hear. Right at the tips of our toes little cottage lamps, inconceivably far down, marked out the deep fastnesses of home. Our breath was like plumes about our heads, and our shoes creaked as we hurried down the dark trail; the little stars in the valley grew and came up towards us, while the nearer stars overhead sputtered and faded.

The lights in the inn that night were all candles. White and aloof they looked as the mountains that had been in our eyes all day. . . .

The three Brights, sister and brothers, our innkeepers, dined us proudly. That night there was a feast of an English Christmas under the candles and the greenery. These Brights knew how to live through every day in the year, being English folk of gentle blood. But they overflowed at this season. . . . And their inn was like the great house their ancestors and they had kept. One was a guest and a friend, not a lodger. So the sister presided at the head of the table, and a brother sat midway the board on either side, big blooming men as only Englishmen can be. Big in mind as in body, frank, open, hearty as the winds and the mountains that had befriended them. . . .

Then we turned boisterously to the roasted goose. It was a true bird of the Yuletide, the brown richness of the meat crackled to the knife. I have no memory of all the courses. There was a perfect pageant of them. . . .

Through the open doorway . . . we heard the Welsh shepherds singing their carols. In their ancient circles they sat at the tables, and each made up his part as he sang, put his soul that had ripened under the lonely, bright stars into the cadences of wistful minor chords. Their voices wove a tapestry of winds and the darkness, lanterns and the stable sounds and the cry of a little child; they sang with their kinsmen of Bethlehem that night. Their carols gave benediction to the evening. —From "Book of Crowns and Cottages," by ROBERT P. TRISTRAM COFFIN. (New Haven: Yale University Press. 1925.)

Good Will

This is the season men call Christmastide.
Good will to all is borne upon the thought;
The hearth burns brighter; doors are opened wide
To let the stranger in. As kings once brought
Their regal gifts of frankincense and myrrh,
So may we give. Then war shall not destroy
Our peace, nor sense of poverty deter
Our thoughts from blessing and our hearts from joy.

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"Magnify the Lord"

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

A WOMAN faced the prospect of a lonely Christmas far from home and in uncongenial surroundings. She felt depressed and unhappy. Her work was monotonous and her companions dull, or so it seemed to her weary and critical thought.

She was a student of Christian Science, and soon realized that she must rouse herself from this unhappy state of mind and regain the joy that had hitherto been hers. Reverently and expectantly she turned to God, asking to be shown how to surmount her difficulties. As she prayed there came to her thought the opening words of the beautiful song of praise in the Bible known as the Magnificat, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:46, 47). She understood "the Lord" to mean God, and God, she knew, is good and is All. She remembered that on page 477 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," in answer to the question, "What are body and Soul?" Mary Baker Eddy had written, "Identity is the reflection of Spirit, the reflection in multifarious forms of the living Principle, Love."

Instantly her course of action became clear. She saw that she had not been magnifying good, but evil; that instead of identifying herself with the variety, beauty, and inspiration of Spirit, she had been listening to the arguments of intellect complaining of dullness, monotony, and lack of agreeable society. She resolved to reverse this procedure at once. "Since God is all," she reasoned, "then good is everywhere for me to see, if I will." She began to look for the good in everything and everyone and to rejoice in every least evidence of it she found. "If I can't do any more than be grateful because it's a pleasant day, I shall do that much," she said to herself, "and I can count my blessings." Gratefully she began to recall the good that Christian Science had brought into her life. It had indeed given her a new outlook. In the beautiful words of the Bible (Isaiah 61:3), it had given her "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

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As she persisted in this grateful recognition of good, naturally evidences of good multiplied on every hand. She found friendliness and kindliness where before she had seen only dullness and indifference. The daily routine became willing and rewarding service instead of wearisome drudgery. She found that the radiance in her own heart met a happy response from others. What had seemed a drab and commonplace environment became for her an interesting and colorful community. Thus what had begun as an exercise in self-discipline became an adventure in self-expression, the expression of that true and radiant self which the fogs of self-pity had concealed.

A holier and happier Christmas than she had ever known before dawned for this woman. The day had a new meaning for her. Christ Jesus said, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth" (John 18:37). She had borne witness to the truth she knew. She had put into practice her understanding of the truth of being which she had gained in her study of Christian Science. Christmas no longer meant a day of personal joys but a time of grateful and humble rededication to the divine ideals of the Christ, Truth.

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Mrs. Eddy writes on page 322 of Science and Health, "When understanding changes the standpoints of life and intelligence from a material to a spiritual basis, we shall gain the reality of Life, the control of Soul over sense, and we shall perceive Christianity, or Truth, in its divine Principle. This must be the climax before harmonious and immortal man is obtained and his capabilities revealed." Is not this the real significance of Christmas? Does it not herald the changing of human standpoints "from a material to a spiritual basis," and announce the glorious fact of "harmonious and immortal man"?

Gracious and appealing as are many of the traditional customs and festivities connected with the celebration of Christmas, how much more truly is it observed in hearts purified and lives ennobled. There indeed is found its immortal meaning, radiant with unselfed love. With what insight its divine import is voiced in this prophetic passage from Science and Health (p. 191): "As a material, theoretical life-basis is found to be a misapprehension of existence, the spiritual and divine Principle of man dawns upon human thought, and leads it to 'where the young child was,'—even to the birth of a new-old idea, to the spiritual sense of being and of what Life includes. Thus the whole earth will be transformed by Truth on its pinions of light, chasing away the darkness of error."

[In another column will be found a translation of this article into Danish]

"Ophøjer Herren"

Oversættelsen af Artikelen om Kristen Videnskab, som findes paa Engelsk paa denne Side

EN KVINDE stod tilsyneladende overfor at skulle tilbringe en ensom Jul langt fra sit Hjem og i lidet tiltalende Omgivelser. Hun folte sig nedtrykt og ulykkelig. Hendes Arbejde var ensformigt og hendes Kammerater kedelige, eller saaledes syntes det at være for hendes trætte og kritiske Tanke.

Hun var en Kristen Videnskab-Studerende og indsaa snart, at hun maatte vaagne op fra denne ulykkelige Sindstilstand og genvinde den Glæde, som hun hidtil havde folt. Hun vendte sig ydmygt og tillidsfuldt til **G**ud og bad om at blive vist, hvorledes hun kunde overvinde sine Vanskeligheder. Som hun bad, kom Begyndelsesordene til den smukke Lovsang i Bibelen, som kaldes Mariæ Lovsang, til hendes Tanke: "Min Sjæl ophøjer Herren; og min Aand fryder sig over Gud, min Frelser" (Lukas-Evangeliet 1:46, 47). Hun forstod, at "Herren" betyder **G**ud, og hun vidste, at **G**ud er god og er Alt. Hun huskede, at Mary Baker Eddy, som Svar paa Spørgsmaalet: "Hvad er Legeme og **S**jæl?" paa Side 477 i *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, har skrevet: "Identitet er **A**andens Genspejling, Genspejling i mangfoldige Former af det levende **P**rincip, **K**ærlighed."

Øjeblikkelig stod det hende klart, hvorledes hun skulde gribe Sagen an. Hun saa, at hun ikke havde ophøjet det gode, men det onde; og at hun i Stedet for at gøre sig til eet med **A**andens Mangfoldighed, Skønhed og Inspiration havde lyttet til Forstandens Argumenter, som klagede over Kedsommelighed, Ensformighed og Mangel paa passende Selskab. Hun besluttede sig da til omgaaende at forandre denne Fremgangsmaade fuldstændig. "Da **G**ud er alt," ræsonnerede hun, saa kan jeg se det gode overalt, hvis jeg vil." Hun begyndte at søge efter det gode i alt og alle og at fryde sig over hvert ubetydeligt Bevis, hun end fandt derpaa. "Hvis jeg ikke kan gøre andet end at være taknemmelig, fordi det er en smuk Dag, saa vil jeg i det mindste gøre dette," sagde hun til sig selv, "og jeg kan tælle mine Velsignelser." Hun begyndte taknemmeligt at tænke tilbage paa det gode, som Kristen Videnskab havde bragt ind i hendes Liv. Den havde i Sandhed givet hende et nyt Udsyn. Den havde, med de smukke Ord fra Bibelen (Esajas 61:3), givet hende "Højtidspragt for Sørgedragt, for Sørgeklædning Glædens Olie, Lovsang for modlost Sind."

Som hun vedblev med taknemmeligt at erkende det gode, saa hun naturligvis, fra alle Kanter, flere og flere Beviser paa det gode. Hun fandt Venlighed og Godhed, hvor hun før kun havde mødt Kedsommelighed og Ligegyldighed. Den daglige Gerning blev til villig og belønnende Tjeneste i Stedet for mosommeligt Slid. Hun opdagede, at den Straaleglans, der var i hendes eget Hjerte, med Glæde blev gengældt af andre. Hvad der havde syntes at være kedelige og hverdagsagtige Omgivelser blev for hende et stimulerende og interessant Samfund. Og saaledes blev det, der var blevet begyndt som en Udøvelse af Selvdisciplin, til en Oplevelse af Selvudtrykkelse, en Anledning til at udtrykke det sande og straalende Selv, som Selvmedlidenhedens Taager havde skjult.

En mere hellig og mere lykkelig Jul, end denne Kvinde nogen Sinde før havde kendt, begyndte at blive synlig for hende. Dagen tik en ny Betydning for hende. Kristus Jesus sagde: "Jeg er dertil født og dertil kommen til Verden, at jeg skal vidne om Sandheden" (Johannes-Evangeliet 18:37). Hun havde vidnet om den Sandhed, hun kendte. Hun havde anvendt sin Forstaaelse af Tilværelsens Sandhed, som hun havde opnaaet gennem sit Studium af Kristen Videnskab. Julen betød ikke længere en Dag for personlige Glæder, men en Tid for fornyet taknemmelig og ydmyg Hengivenhed mod Kristi, Sandhedens, guddommelige Idealer.

Mrs. Eddy skriver paa Side 322 i *Science and Health:* "Naar Forstaaelse forandrer Livets og Intelligensens Standpunkter fra en materiel til en aandelig Basis, vil vi opnaa **L**ivets Virkelighed, **S**jælens Herredømme over Sansningen, og vi vil da opfatte Kristendommen, eller **S**andheden, i dens guddommelige **P**rincip. Dette maa være Højdepunktet, førend det harmoniske og udødelige Menneske bliver opnaaet og dets Evner aabenbaret." Er dette ikke Julens virkelige Betydning? Kundgør det ikke Forandringen af menneskelige Standpunkter "fra en materiel til en aandelig Basis," samt forkynder den herlige Kendsgerning om "det harmoniske og udødelige Menneske"?

Saa smukke og tiltalende som mange af de traditionelle Skikke og Festligheder, der er forbundet med Julehøjtidelighederne, end er, hvor meget oprigtigere bliver den ikke fejret i de Hjerter, som er rene, og de Liv, som er blevet ophøjet. Der findes i Sandhed dens udødelige Betydning, straalende med uselvisk Kærlighed. Med hvilken Indsigt bliver dens guddommelige Betydning ikke udtrykt i dette profetiske Sted i *Science and Health* (S. 191): "Efterhaanden som en materiel teoretisk Livs-Basis viser sig at være en fejlagtig Opfattelse af Tilværelsen, dæmrer Menneskets aandelige og guddommelige **P**rincip for den menneskelige Tanke og leder den til 'hvor Barnet var'—til selve Fødselen af en ny-gammel Idé, til den aandelige Opfattelse af Tilværelsen og af, hvad **L**iv indbefatter. Saaledes vil **S**andheden paa sine Lysvinger forvandle hele Jorden, idet den bortjager Vildfarelsens Mørke."

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Migration

For a little hour they perch in the thinning elms,
Chattering with whatever it is that blackbirds say;
For a little hour, and gone with small thunder of wings,
Shadowing the sun, they are on their way.

Miles south and nours later, they settle to earth:
Black glistening jet in pale gold stubble of field,
Seeking whatever the thing that blackbirds seek,
Such crumbs as are left from a season's yield.

Past Catskills, past Berkshires, hurrying south,
Restless they pause, black querulous chattering things;
But when they are gone the lands under their flight
Are quiet with more than a silence of wings.

FREDERICK EBRIGHT

Closing Prices on N.Y. Stock Exchange

Stks/Divds (Dollars)	Sales (100s)	High	Low	Close	Net Ch'ge
ACF-Brill Motor	2	10	9⅞	10	+ ¼
Acme Steel 3a	2	63½	63½	63½	— ¼
Adams Exp .60e	2	13¾	13¾	13¾	
Air Reduction 1a	4	39¼	39¼	39¼	— ½
Alaska Juneau	1	5⅞	5⅞	5⅞	
Alleghany Corp	29	3	2⅞	2⅞	— ⅛
Alleghany pf	9	26⅞	26½	26½	— ⅜
Alleg pr pf	1	60½	60½	60½	+ ¼
Alleg Lud Stl 2e	5	28⅜	28	28	— ⅜
Allied Mills 3e	1	31⅞	31⅞	31⅞	— ⅛
Allied Strs 1	1	21⅞	21¾	21¾	— ⅛
Allis-Ch Mfg1.65e	8	57⅝	57¼	57⅝	
Allis-Ch Mfg pf 4	2	113	112¾	112⅞	— ⅝
Alpha P Cem 1	3	23¾	23⅝	23¾	+ ⅛
AmAirlines new 1e	5	44	43½	43¾	— ¼
Am Bank Note 1e	4	21⅛	21	21	— ½
Am Bosch 1e	2	17⅜	17⅜	17⅜	— ¼
Am Cable & Rad	17	12⅜	12¼	12¼	— ⅛
Am Can 3	3	92	92	92	+1
Am Car & F 2½e	9	39⅛	39	39⅛	— ⅜
Am Chain & C 2	2	26	26	26	— ⅛
Am Distil	13	35	24½	35	+ ⅛
Am European .90e	2	11½	11½	11½	
Am Export L 2	1	63¾	63¾	63¾	
Am & For Pow	2	2⅜	2⅜	2⅜	— ⅛
Am & FP 6 pf 6k	1	92	92	92	
Am & FP 7 7k	3	95½	95	95	— ¾
Am & F P 2 pf	2	20½	20⅜	20⅜	— ⅛
Am-Hawaii SS 3	1	29½	29½	29½	+ ⅛
Am Hide & Leath	1	5¼	5¼	5¼	
Am Home P 2.40a	10	69¼	68⅝	69¼	+1⅛
Am Ice	1	6⅜	6⅜	6⅜	
Am Ice pf 3e	2	70	70	70	—1
Am Internat .40e	6	8¾	8⅝	8⅝	
Am Invest III .60	1	8	8	8	
Am In III pf2½	30	48	48	48	
Am Locomo 1.30e	5	27	26¾	26¾	— ¼
Am M & Met 1	2	12½	12⅜	12½	+ ¼
Am Metal 1¼e	1	24¾	24¾	24¾	+ ⅛
Am NewsCo1.80 †	10	42	42	42	
Am Pow & Lt	6	23⅛	23¼	23⅛	
Am P&L $6 pf	11	61¾	60¾	61⅜	+1
Am P&L $5 pf	13	55¼	54¾	55⅛	+ ⅝
Am Rad&StS .40	29	11½	11¼	11¼	— ⅛
Am R Mill .80	2	15	15	15	— ¼
Am RM pf 4½ †	10	76½	76	76½	+ ¼
Am Smelt & R 2a	3	39½	39	39	— ⅝
Am Snuff 2.40e	5	42	42	42	— ¼
Am Stl Fdrs 2	3	27½	27¼	27¼	— ½
Am Stores 1	2	17	17	17	+ ⅛
Am Sug Ref 2e	1	55	55	55	
Am Tel & Tel 9	7	164¼	164⅛	164⅛	
Am Tob pf 6 †	50	147⅞	147⅞	147⅞	+ ⅜
Am Tob B 3a	2	5	64¾	4¾	— ¼
Am Type Fdrs ½e	16	15⅝	15⅜	15½	+ ⅛
Am Wat Wks	13	8¾	8⅝	8⅝	
Am W & W 1 pf 6	1	98½	98½	98½	+2½
Am Woolen	6	33¼	32¾	33¼	+ ⅛
Am Wool pf 12k	5	102⅜	102¾	102⅜	+ ¼
Am Zinc L & S	4	5½	5½	5½	+ ⅛
Anaconda C 2½e	8	28¼	28	28	— ⅛
Arch-Dan-M 2½e	6	52¼	52¼	52⅛	— ⅛
Armour pr pf 6k	3	101	1.1	101	+1
Armstrong C 1½e	6	44⅛	43⅜	43½	— ⅛
Armour & Co	4	6½	6⅜	6½	+ ⅛
Artloom Corp .40	2	9⅞	9¾	9⅞	+ ⅛
Assd Dry Goods 1	3	18⅝	18½	18½	— ¼
Atch T & S F 6	16	82⅞	82¼	82¾	+ ¼
Atl Coast Line 3e	13	54⅛	53½	54⅛	+ ½
Atl Refining 1½e	2	30⅞	30⅞	30⅞	+ ¼
Atlas Corp ½e	4	15½	15½	15½	
Auto Car Co	1	14¾	14¾	14¾	
Aviation Corp .20e	115	5¾	5½	5⅝	
B					
Bald Loco ct1½e	7	26	25½	25¾	— ¼
Balt & Ohio	262	13½	13	13½	+ ⅝
Balt & Ohio pf	75	23⅞	23⅜	23½	
Bangor & Ar	2	14¼	14¼	14¼	— ¼
Barber Asph ½e	14	31½	31	31	— ⅝
Barnsdall Oil .60a	1	16¼	16¼	16¼	+ ⅛
Bath Iron Wks 4	16	19	18¼	18⅞	+ ⅝
Bell Airc 1e	17	14½	14⅜	14½	+ ⅛
Beech Airc 1e	6	13¾	13⅝	13¾	+ ⅛
Bendix Aviat 3	3	47¾	47⅝	47¾	— ¼
Ben Ind Ln 1.35e	1	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝	
Best & Co 1.60a	1	39⅜	39⅜	39⅜	— ⅛
Best Foods 1e	5	18¼	18¼	18¼	
Beth Steel 6	17	64⅜	64	64⅜	— ¼
Black&Deck 1.60a	3	22½	22½	22½	— ¼
Blaw-Knox .70e	17	14½	14¼	14½	+ ⅛
Bloom'dale .90e †	10	19¼	19¼	19¼	— ¼
Boeing Airplane 2e	16	18⅞	18¾	18¾	+ ⅛
Borg-Warner 1.60	1	39⅝	39⅝	39⅝	+ ½
Boston & Maine	15	6⅛	6⅜	6⅜	+ ¼
Braniff Airw .60	3	19¾	19⅝	19⅝	— ⅛
Bridgeport Br .90e	1	10¾	10¾	10¾	
Briggs Mfg 2	3	38⅛	38	38	
Bklyn Un Gas ½e	6	21	20¾	21	— ⅛
Brunswick-Balke 1	1	24	24	24	+ ⅜
Bucyrus-Erie .70e	6	13½	13½	13½	+ ⅛
Budd Mfg	7	10¾	10½	10½	— ¼
Budd Wheel ¾e	3	10⅛	10	10	
BurlingMills2.10e	1	37¾	37¾	37¾	— ¼
Bullard Co ½e	1	19¾	19¾	19¾	— ¼
Burr Add Mach .60	5	14	13⅞	14	
Bush Term ¼e	14	8⅛	7⅞	8	
BushTB pf 3½sk †	10	66¼	66¼	66¼	
Butler Bros .60	5	14⅞	14⅞	14⅞	
Butte C & Z 1¼e	3	3⅛	3	3	— ⅛
Byers AM Co ½e	4	16½	16⅛	16⅛	— ⅜
ByronJackson 1¾e	1	23⅜	23⅜	23⅜	+ ⅜
C					
Callahan Z-Lead	16	1⅛	1	1⅛	+ ⅛
Calum & Hec .80	13	7¼	7⅛	7¼	
Campbell Wy 1¾e	1	20	20	20	
Canad Pacific 1e	25	11¾	11⅝	11⅝	+ ⅛
Caro C & O 5 †	3	118½	118½	118½	
Carrier Corp	1	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	
Case (JI) Co 1¾e	4	35⅞	35½	35½	— ½
Caterpil Tractor 2	3	48¼	48	48	— ¼
Celotex Cp pf 1 †	20	19	19	19	— ⅛
Cent Aguirre 1⅓	3	20⅜	20⅜	20⅜	
Cent Foundry	2	4½	4½	4½	
Cent R R N J	34	12¼	11⅝	12¼	+ ¾
Cerro de Pas 3	1	31⅞	31⅞	31⅞	
Certain-teed Prod	3	6¾	6¾	6¾	
Certain-teed pf †	90	126½	126¼	126½	+ ¼
Ches & Ohio 3a	14	50	49⅞	50	+ ¼
Chi & E III	8	7¼	7⅛	7⅛	+ ⅛
Chi & E III A 2e	6	16½	16½	16½	
Chi Grt West	18	7⅜	7¼	7¼	
Chi Grt W pf 2½k	14	24⅞	24⅝	24⅞	+ ⅜
Chi & N W 5e	17	25¾	25	25	— ⅜
Chi & NWpf .20e	12	56¾	56¼	56¾	
Chi Pneu Tool 2	2	20	19⅞	20	+ ⅛
Childs Co	2	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞	+ ⅛
Chile Cop 2	†100	28	28	28	
Chrysler Corp 3	3	90¾	90¼	90¾	+ ⅜
City Invest	†100	31½	31½	31½	
City Stores ½	3	10¼	10⅛	10⅛	— ⅛
Clark Equip 3	1	47¾	47¾	47¾	+ ¾
ClimaxMolyb1.20a	6	34⅛	34	34	
Cluett Peabody 2	2	26⅞	26¾	26¾	+ ¼
Colgate-Pim ½a	1	33	33	33	+ ¾
Collins & Aik 1	6	24	24	24	
Col Fuel & Iron 1	46	26¼	23½	25⅝	
Col & South †	290	29	28½	28¾	+ ½
Col&South 1pf †	600	29	27¾	28¾	+1
Col & South2pf †	510	26¼	25½	26	+ ½
ColumG&EI .20e	56	4⅛	4	4⅛	
Col G&E 6 pf 6	3	95½	95	95	—1
Colum Pict ½e	1	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	
Coml Credit 2	4	38¾	38¾	38¾	
Coml Invest Tr 2	5	41⅞	41¾	41⅞	+ ⅛
Coml Solv ¾e	2	15¾	15⅝	15⅝	
Comwlth Ed 1.40	5	28⅞	28⅝	28⅝	
Com'wlth&South	61	1½	⅜	⅜	
Com & So pf 3¾k	2	94	93⅜	94	+ ⅜
CongoleumNairn1a	1	28¼	28¼	28¼	— ⅜
Cons Copper .10e	2	3¾	3¾	3¾	+ ⅛
Cons Edison 1.60	26	24⅜	24⅛	24¼	
Cons Edis pf 5	1	108¼	108¼	108¼	+ ¼
Con Film pf 1k	2	28½	28½	28½	— ½
Cons Nat Gas 1a	1	31½	31½	31½	
Cons RR Cuba pf	5	22⅛	21⅝	21⅝	+ ⅛
Cons Vultee 2	64	20⅛	19¾	20	+ ⅜
Cons Vul pf 1¼	1	25½	25½	25½	— ⅛
Consol'n Coal	5	22⅜	21⅝	21⅝	— ½
Cont Bak ½e	8	8½	8⅜	8½	
Cont Can 1	12	37⅜	37	37	— ¼
Cont Dia Fib ½e	15	11⅞	11⅜	11¾	+ ⅛
Cont Ins 1.60a	1	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	— ⅛
Cont Motors .60	16	8⅞	8¾	8⅞	
Cont Oil Del 1.20	7	31⅜	31⅛	31⅜	
Copper Bess 1½e	1	16⅜	16⅜	16⅜	+ ¼
Copper Bess pf3 †	10	46½	46½	46½	+ ¼
CopperweldStl .80	4	12⅝	12½	12⅝	+ ½
Cop'weldSLpf2½†	30	50¼	59¼	50¼	
Cornell-D E .80	2	20⅜	20⅛	20⅛	— ⅛
Coty Inc .30e	1	6¼	6¼	6¼	+ ¼
Coty Interna †	3	3⅜	3⅜	3⅜	
Crane Co 1a	7	25⅝	25½	25½	— ⅛
Crane Co pf 5 †	80	109	109	109	+ ¼
Cream of Wh 1½	2	24⅞	24½	24½	
Crown Zeller 1	2	21¾	21¾	21¾	— ¼
Crosley Corp 1	5	29	28½	29	+ ½
Crucible Steel 3e	1	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛	+ ½
Crucible Stl pf 5	1	88½	88½	88½	
Cuba R R pf	†150	28⅛	27⅞	27⅞	+ ⅛
Cuban-A Sug 1e	5	16⅞	16¾	16¾	
Cudahy Pack .30e	1	25	5	25	— ½
Curtis Publishing	87	9½	9	9½	+ ⅜
Curtiss-Wright ¾e	6	5⅞	5¾	5¾	
Curtiss-Wr A 2	3	18⅛	18	18⅛	
Cutler Ham 1½e	2	27	27	27	— ½
D					
Deere & Co 2e	4	41¾	41½	41½	+ ¼

Today's sales (est.) 500,000
Previous day's sales 1,280,640
1944 volume to date 255,822,088
1943 volume to date 272,946,925

Stks/Divds (Dollars)	Sales (100s)	High	Low	Close	Net Ch'ge
Del & Hudson	30	35¾	35	35½	+ ¾
Del Lack & West	64	9⅛	8⅞	9	
Detroit Edi 1.20	2	20⅞	20⅞	20⅞	
Diam Match 1½	1	34⅜	34⅜	34⅜	— ½
DiamMatch pf1½	1	41¾	41¾	41¾	+ ⅛
Doehler Die Cas 2e	1	43¼	3¼	43¼	+ ½
Dome Mines 1.20h	3	22⅝	22½	22½	
Dow Chem 3	6	118	117½	117¾	— ¼
Dow Chem pf 4	1	111⅜	111⅜	111⅜	+ ⅜
Dresser Indust 2e	4	55	54½	55	
Dunhill Int	3	13	13	13	
duPont deN 5¼e	4	157	156¾	156¾	+ ¼
E					
Eagle Pich Ld .60	1	13¾	13¾	13¾	+ ⅛
Eastern Air L	3	40⅛	40	40	+ ¼
East S Stl .20e	1	22	22	22	+ ⅛
Edis Bros St .80a	1	23¼	23	23	+ ¼
El Auto-Lite 2	1	43	43	43	— ½
Elec Boat 1¼e	4	15⅛	15	15	
El Power & Lt	10	3⅞	3¾	3¾	— ⅛
El Pow&Lt $6 pr	1	102	102	102	+ ½
El Pow&Lt $7 pf	2	109	108½	108½	— ½
El Paso N G 2.40	2	34¼	3 ⅞	34¼	
EmersonElMfg.80e	20	21¼	20⅝	21¼	+ ¾
eng Pub Service	10	16	16	16	— ¼
Equit Off Bldg	1	1½	1½	1½	+ ¼
Erie R R 1	22	13⅝	13½	13½	
Erie R R ct 1	18	13⅜	13¼	13⅜	+ ¼
Erie R R pf A 5	1	69	69	69	+ ½
EurekaVCleaner½	2	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞	
Evans Products ½	2	16½	16½	16½	
Ex-Cell-O 2.60	2	45	44½	45	
Exchange Buf .45e	6	6⅝	6½	6⅝	+ ⅛
F					
Fairbanks Morse1a	1	43⅜	43⅜	43⅜	— ⅜
Farns Tel & Rad	2	13¼	3	13	
Ferro Enam 1	1	24½	2466	24½	
FirestoneT&R 2e	1	57	57	57	
Fid P Ins 1.60a	4	50¾	50¾	50¾	
Flintkote .90e	5	23⅜	23⅜	23⅜	— ⅛
Foster Wheel 1a	2	27¾	27¾	27¾	— ¼
G					
Gabriel ¼e	4	6	5⅞	6	
Gair Robert .30e	18	4½	⅜	4½	+ ⅛
Gai Wood Ind .40	5	7⅞	7⅜	7⅞	
Gen Am Invest	100	13	13	13	
Gen Am Tr 2½e	4	50⅜	50¼	50⅜	— ⅛
Gen Baking .60	3	8⅜	8⅛	8⅜	+ ⅛
Gen Bronze .80e	7	18¼	18	18	
Gen Cable A	7	20¼	20⅛	20⅛	+ ⅛
Gen Cable pf7k †	100	119¾	118½	119¾	+1½
Gen Cigar 1a	2	27⅞	27¾	27⅞	+ ⅛
Gen Elec 1.40	37	38⅛	38¼	38⅜	— ⅛
Gen Foods 1.60	8	41	40⅞	41	
Gen G & El A	6	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛	
Gen Mills 5pf 5 †	10	2 1½	129½	129½	— ¾
Gen Motors 3	12	64	63¾	64	+ ¼
Gen Print Ink .40	7	9⅜	9⅜	9⅜	
Gen Ry Sig 1¼e	3	30½	30⅜	30⅜	— ⅛
Gen Real&Ut(new)	15	4⅛	4	4⅛	+ ⅛
Gen Refract 1.10e	20	21	20⅝	21	
Gen S Cst pf 6k †	20	105	105	105	— ¼
Gen Tire&Rub ½e	7	24¼	24	24¼	— ⅛
GilletteSafR .80a	18	14⅞	14⅜	14⅞	+ ⅜
Gimbel Bros .90e	6	22¼	21⅜	22¼	— ⅛
Glidden Co .90e	3	25⅜	24⅞	25	+ ⅛
Goebel Brew .20	2	3¾	3⅝	3¾	+ ⅛
Goodrich BF 2	4	53¼	53¼	53¼	— ⅝
Goodyear T&R 2	9	50⅜	50	50	— ¼
Goodyear T&R pf 5	1	111½	111½	111½	— ¼
Graham-Paige Mot	8	5¾	5⅝	5⅝	
Gran City S .525e	1	14¼	14¼	14¼	— ⅜
Grant W T 1.40	3	41½	41½	41½	
Gt No l O ct 1½e	1	5	5	5	
Gt North Ry pf 2e	21	48	47⅝	47⅞	— ⅛
Gt West Sug 1.80e	3	28¾	28¾	28¾	+ ¼
Greyhound C 1.40a	3	23¼	23⅛	23¼	+ ⅛
Guantan Sugar	2	5¾	5¾	5¾	
Grum AircEn 1¼e	7	31¾	31	31¼	+ ½
Gulf Mob & Ohio	15	14⅞	14½	14½	
Gulf Oil 1a	11	48⅞	48⅞	48⅞	— ⅛
H					
Harb-Walker 1	2	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	
Hayes Mfg	8	6¾	6⅝	6⅝	— ⅛
HazelAtlasGl5 †	20	112	112	112	
HerculesPow 2½e	5	83	83	83	+ ¾
Hercules Motor 1	2	23	23	23	+ ⅛
Hires C E 1.20a	1	23	23	23	+ ⅛
Houd Hers B 1	6	16⅝	16½	16⅝	
HoustonL&P 3.60	12	67¾	67⅝	67¾	+ ⅛
Homestake Min	5	42¼	42¼	42¼	
Houston Oil	15	12⅛	12	12	
Howe Sound 1¾e	2	6	.6	.6	+ ⅛
Hud Bay M&S h2	7	27	26⅞	27	
Hudson Motor .40	3	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	— ¼
Hupp Motor	5	3¾	3¾	3¾	
I					
Illinois Central	96	22⅜	21⅞	22	+ ⅜
Ill Cent pf	4	54½	54¼	54¼	+ ¾
IndplsPw&Lt 1.20	2	19¾	19¾	19¾	+ ¾
Indust Rayon 2	1	40	40	40	
Inspiration CCop 1	1	12	12	12	
Intercon Rubber 1g	2	6¾	6¾	6¾	
InterlakeIron .35e	6	9¼	9¼	9⅛	— ⅛
Int Harvest2.60a	4	80¾	80½	80½	— ½
Int Harvester pf7†	10	179½	179½	179½	— ½
Int Mining	1	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞	
Int Nick Can 1.60	27	28¼	27¾	28¼	+ ⅜
Int Nick Can pf7†	10	133½	133½	133½	— ½
Int Paper	4	20¾	20⅝	20⅝	— ⅛
Int Paper pf 5	2	92	92	92	
Int Ry Cen Am	3	10⅜	10⅜	10⅜	— ⅛
Int Shoe 1.80	2	39¼	39	39	— ½
Interst Dept S 1	1	18	18	18	
Int Tel & Tel	205	20	19⅝	19¾	
Int Tel&Tel for ct	11	20	19⅞	19⅞	+ ⅛
J					
Jewel Tea 1a	2	36	36	36	— ½
John&John .20a †	200	31	31	31	— ½
Jones & L Stl 2	8	26⅝	26⅜	26⅜	— ⅜
Joy Mfg .80a	1	20	20	20	
K					
Kal St & F .80a	6	2 7⅛	20⅜	20⅞	— ⅛
Kan City South	56	13¾	13¼	13½	+ ¼
Kan City Sou pf2e	2	35¾	35¾	35¾	
Kayser J 1.10e	1	25	25	25	
Kelsey-H WhA1½	1	22¾	22¾	22¾	
Kelsey-HWB 1¾e	2	17¾	17⅝	17⅝	— ⅛
Kennecott C 2½e	2	36⅝	36½	36½	— ⅛
Kimberly-Cl 1½a	1	38	38	38	
Kinney G R Co	10	9¾	9½	9¾	+ ⅛
Koppers Co. 40e	1	34¼	34¼	34¼	+ ½
Kresge D Strs ¼e	1	9⅜	9⅜	9⅜	+ ⅛
Kroger Grocery 2	1	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	+ ⅛
L					
Laclede Gas †	160	9¾	9⅝	9¾	+ ⅛
Lehigh C & N 1e	12	12⅛	12	12	
Lehigh Port C J	1	30	30	30	
Lehigh Val Coal	11	1⅞	1¾	1⅞	
Lehigh Val Coal pf	2	37⅞	37½	37⅞	
Lehigh Val RR	42	7⅞	7⅝	7¾	+ ⅛
LehmanCorp1.20a	1	37⅝	37⅝	37⅝	— ⅛
Lerner Strs 1	6	18¾	18¼	18¾	+ ½
Lib-O-F-Glass 2e	3	51⅝	51⅝	51⅝	
LibbyMcN&L ½e	11	7⅝	7½	7½	— ⅛
Liggett&Myers 3a	1	77½	77½	77½	
Liggett&My B 3a	3	77⅞	77¾	77¾	— ½
Lily Tulip 1½	1	31½	31½	31½	— ½
Lima Loco 2½e	3	49⅛	48¾	48¾	— ¼
Link Belt 2	1	43¾	43¾	43¾	
Lockheed Airc 2	8	20⅝	20½	20½	
Loew's Inc 2a	4	75	74½	75	+ ⅜
Lone Star C 1½a	4	1	50½	50½	50½	
Long-BLumb .20k	5	14¼	14⅛	14¼	+ ⅜
Lorillard P 1e	5	18½	18⅜	18⅜	
Lorillard P pf 7 †	20	164¾	164¾	164¾	+2¾
Louisv G&E A1½	1	23¾	23¾	23¾	— ⅛
Louisv & Nash 7e	2	110	109¾	109¾	+ ¾
M					
Macy R H 2a	3	32	31	31½	
Magma Copper 1	12	20⅝	20	20⅛	
Manati Sugar ¼e	1	9¼	9⅛	9⅛	
Marine Midl .16e	2	7¾	7¾	7¾	+ ⅛
Marshall Fld .80a	7	18⅞	18¾	18¾	+ ⅛
Martin GL 3	17	25¾	25½	25½	
Martin-Parry .45e	4	11⅛	11	11⅛	+ ⅛
Masonite Corp 1	1	40½	40½	40½	— ¼
Mathieson Alk 1	3	23⅜	23⅛	23⅜	+ ⅛
Maytag Co 1pf6 †	10	110½	110½	110½	
McCrory Stores 1	5	20½	20¼	20¼	— ¼
McGraw E ec 1a	1	30⅞	30⅞	30⅞	— ⅛
Mckess&Rob 1.40	3	27⅞	27⅝	27⅝	
McLellanStrs .85e	3	17½	17½	17½	
McOuay-Norris 1	1	17⅜	17⅜	17⅜	— ⅛
Mead Corp .60	4	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝	+ ¼
MeadpfBww5½ †	3	94	94	94	
Melville Shoe 2	1	34¾	34¾	34¾	
Mengel Co .40e	68	16¼	15½	16⅛	+1
Miami Copper ½e	1	7½	7½	7½	
Mid ContPet1.40e	6	25⅜	25¼	25⅜	+ ⅛
Midland Stl P 2	1	35	35	35	— ½
Minn-HoneyRegle	6	44	44	44	

Average Price of 60 Stocks
By the Associated Press

Friday	57.7	Prev. day	57.4
Month ago	54.9	Year ago	49.6
1944 high	58.2	1944 low	49.5

Stks/Divds (Dollars)	Sales (100s)	High	Low	Close	Net Ch'ge
Minn-Moline	3	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞	+ ⅛
Minn&StLRy 2e	1	55½	55½	55½	+ ½
Minn StP&SSM A	10	18⅝	18⅜	18½	
Minn StP&SSM B	1	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	— ⅛
Mission Corp1¼e	1	22	22	22	+ ⅛
Mo-Kan-Texas	90	5½	5¼	5⅜	+ ⅛
Mo-Kan Texas pf	68	18¼	17⅞	18	+ ⅛
Montgom Ward 2	12	51¼	51	51	— ¼
Morris & Essex †	200	33¾	33½	33½	— ⅛
MotorProducts 1e	1	21⅞	21⅞	21⅞	— ⅛
Motor Wheel 1.20	120	24½	24¼	24¼	— ⅛
MullinsMfgB1½e	1	9¾	9¾	9¾	+ ¼
Mueller Brass 1.60	2	22½	2	21½	+ ½
Murray Corp ¾e	7	13	12⅞	13	
N					
Nash Kelvin ½	24	15½	15⅜	15½	
Nash Ch&StL2e †	410	41¼	40½	40½	+ ⅛
Nat Airlines	2	10⅝	13½	18⅝	+ ⅛
Nat Auto Fib	4	9¾	9⅝	9¾	— ⅛
Nat Auto F pf 60	2	12	12	12	
Nat Aviation ¾e	5	15½	15⅜	15⅜	— ⅛
Nat Biscuit 1.20	7	23⅞	23¾	23¾	
Nat Can	12	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝	+ ¼
Nat Container .60	2	13¼	13¼	13¼	+ ¼
NatDairyProd1.20	1	25½	25½	25½	+ ¼
Nat Dept St ½a	5	23	22¾	23	
Nat Distillers 2	6	36½	26⅜	36⅜	
Nat Gypsum ¼e	3	13	12⅞	13	
Nat Lead ½a	2	24½	24½	24½	
Nat M&Stl C ¾e	1	21	21	21	+ ¼
Nat Power & Lt	10	7¼	7¼	7¼	
Nat Steel 3	6	8⅛	68⅛	68⅛	
Nat Supply	53	16	15⅝	15⅞	+ ⅜
NatS 5½

Minor Role Seen for U-Boat Despite Recent Improvements

By Capt. Frederick L. Oliver
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The recently released information that the Germans have developed an extensible air intake and exhaust for submarines which permits the use of diesel engines while submerged is interesting, but should have little bearing on the submarine situation. The device is understood to have been in use for about 18 months, without appreciable result.

Few reports of U-boat activities have been made public for some time. During 1943, the Nazis were said to be losing submarines at a rate which made such operations unprofitable, and probably resulted in many of them being withdrawn from service.

The increasing infrequency of submarine contacts resulted in many rumors of improvements projected by the Germans, one fantastic claim being the perfection of an internal combustion engine fueled by a mixture of liquefied oxygen and other gases which could be operated while submerged. An engine of this type would be ideal as it would obviate the need of heavy storage batteries and electrical equipment, and make space and weight available for tanks of gas. But the engineering difficulties attendant on the generation of intense heat of combustion in the engine and disposing of conducted heat in the hull appear to be insurmountable.

The principal advantage of the submarine is its ability to operate out of sight, and its weakness is the necessity of coming to the surface for observation, and recharging its storage batteries and air tanks.

The length of time a submarine can remain submerged depends upon the drain on its storage batteries. If it can rest on the bottom, there is little call for electric current, and it becomes a matter of availability of air supply for and the endurance of the crew. Such a period of submergence may be as much as three days.

If full submerged speed is used, the battery will become exhausted in a few hours. At five knots, submergence may be as great as 24 hours, with a corresponding increase at lesser speeds.

Formerly a submarine was relatively safe in coming to the surface at night for recharging its battery. Detection was confined to visual contact, and in such instances the submarine had an opportunity to sight the enemy and crash dive to safety. Detecting craft frequently made night contacts under disadvantageous conditions which prevented immediate attack.

Detected in the Dark

Today conditions are quite different, as there have been many instances of surfaced submarines having been detected at a distance at night by one or more of the devices now in use. With this information, detecting craft have the advantage of being able to launch fully prepared surprise attacks.

The auxiliary air intake and exhaust scheme, known to the Nazis as the "Schnorkel," was devised to overcome the danger of a submarine being detected by instruments when in the surface or wash condition, and not for cruising purposes.

It is understood this tube extends above the conning tower and permits a submarine submerged at from 20 to 25 feet to draw air into the hull from which the engine intake obtains its supply. Gases of combustion are exhausted by the usual means, the exhaust feature of the tube being used for ventilating the hull of heat thrown off by the engine.

Being at periscope depth allows a lookout to be maintained for approaching surface and aircraft. This precaution is necessary as the exposed air intake would be an unmistakable invitation for a shower of depth bombs.

Air Intake Cylinder

The cylinder is probably at least 12 inches in diameter, and if the submerged section is only 20 feet long and streamlined, it will present an area that will be difficult to support in place if the submarine attempts to go ahead at any speed. Consequently it is of no use for cruising purposes, and appears to be available only for recharging batteries at the slowest speed compatible with keeping a submerged submarine under control.

There can be little doubt but that the Nazis have refined their submarines by installing storage batteries of greater capacity, motors and pumps which run more quietly and make the use of sound-detecting apparatus less effective, and air conditioning to control humidity and temperature when submerged.

There seems no reason to anticipate a resurgence of U-boat activity in strength. There may be sporadic attacks, but Germany's facilities for launching submarine attacks in force have been badly wrecked.

Channel Bases Lost

French ports on the Channel and in the Bay of Biscay are available no longer as bases. Building yards in Germany have been rendered useless by Allied bombing, as have many plants which produce the manifold elements of submarines. The Nazis are short of manpower, and the war needs of their desperately battling armies overshadows the production of material for submarines of nebulous potentiality.

It is doubtful that U-boats can use bases in Germany, as the North Sea is under constant scrutiny by Allied surface craft and airplanes. Bases in Norway can be used, but the transportation of supplies from Germany presents difficulties. Also there is the matter of fuel oil. If Germany cannot find fuel for its airplanes, there should be none to spare for submarines.

Another matter concerning which there has been considerable speculation is the morale of the Nazi submarine service. At one time it was stated that the average length of time between a submarine going into service and being sunk was 90 cruising days. No service, regardless of its devotion to country, can be confronted with such a dreary prospect and continue to have the high morale required for submarine duty.

Schnorkel to the contrary, the Nazi U-boat would appear to have shot its bolt.

The opinions contained in the above article are those of the writer and are not to be construed as reflecting the views of the Navy Department or of the naval service at large.

Dry League Scores Big Gains In Kentucky During Past Year

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23 — Progress of the Anti-Saloon League of Kentucky during 1944 is being measured by the fact that the Kentucky population now living in dry territory is equal to the entire population of the States of Wyoming, Nevada, Vermont, Idaho, and Delaware, with the 48,000 in the city of Kalamazoo, Mich., included for good measure.

During the year, according to the report just released by Walter F. Hoshal, the League's State Superintendent, 186 precincts covering 1,808 square miles, and including 126,454 persons were added to the dry column, and 160 saloons and roadhouses were closed.

The precincts include six counties, Pendleton, Shelby, Rowan, Perry, Johnson, and Marin and two precincts in Louisville. The liquor trade has small consolation in keeping 14 precincts in the wet column, 7,000 persons and 25 saloons in business, the report said. The precincts include Gallatin County with nine precincts, three precincts in Louisville, and two in Fayette County.

84 Counties Dry

The record now stands with 84 counties dry, totaling 2,390 precincts including 95 precincts in 13 wet counties, 1,559,599 persons or 54 per cent of the population living in dry territory, 30,071 square miles, or 75 per cent of the State's area dry, and 56 per cent of all voting precincts.

The report reveals many interesting side lights: 1,043 saloons have been put out of business during the past three years in 29 counties voting dry.

Out of the last 49 counties voting, the drys have won 38.

Dry counties have been first over the top in every one of the six War Bond drives.

A recent article on Kentucky jails by Howard Hardaway appearing in the Courier-Journal revealed five counties with empty jails "or had been empty for long periods the last two years." All were dry counties—Hopkins, Caldwell, Hancock, Wayne, and Russell.

More Saloons Licensed

As saloons are put out of business in dry territory, they are increased in wet territory. The State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has licensed nearly 300 more saloons in 1944 as compared with 1943.

Nearly every county voting dry is contested by the liquor forces, mainly to gain time in selling their wares. However, during the past seven years they have not won a contest.

Kentucky's liquor bill for the year ended June 30, 1944, was $34,940,973. This is $29.84 for each person in the State. Total wine, beer, and spirits consumption was 6,233,914 gallons. This is 12.66 gallons or 50.65 quarts for each person. The national per capita consumption is 17.73 gallons or 70.92 quarts. According to the United States Government figures, the nation drank over $6,000,000,000 worth of liquor last year, amounting to $46.00 for each man, woman, and child.

In the report of the legislative activities of the League, the thorough work of the Chairman, the Rev. C. E. Vogel, was emphasized. Not a single bill of the six introduced by the liquor trade and opposed by the League became a law.

Educational Work

The educational work of the League continues with Mr. Hoshal addressing students on "Alcohol and The Human Body" and presenting the drama "Prisoner At The Bar." Eighty-six counties, more than 200,000 pupils in over 1000 schools and colleges and more than 250,000 persons have been reached by the drama, it is asserted.

The evangelical denominations in the State have given the League full indorsement and have appointed representatives on the League's Board of Trustees. Fourteen denominations are represented on the Governing Board of 65.

The militant churches, pastors, denominational papers, and the Board of Trustees are given major credit for the progress of the League the past eight years. The report concludes with the active preparation in progress in counties getting ready to vote in 1945.

Nazis Exert Pressure

By Religious News Service

PARIS, Dec. 22—Strong but unsuccessful pressure was exerted by German authorities to have the French Protestant Federation publicly protest Allied bombings last May, it was revealed here by the Federation.

In a meeting called to consider the formal request from the Nazis, the Federation asserted that the issuance of a statement would be contrary to the Church's "most fundamental principles," and that it would create a serious precedent to "accept the direction and intervention of temporal power in this matter."

Huge Swiss Airport To Cost $15,275,000

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINCTON — Plans have been formulated in Zurich, Switzerland, for construction of an airport to be located over an area of 529 acres about six miles outside the city, costing about $15,275,000 and requiring 3½ years to build, the United States Department of Commerce recently reported.

News and Comment About Business and Finance

Lower Pork Supply Next Winter Looms

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The threat of an even greater shortage of pork next year than previously forecast by the Government was carried in an Agriculture Department report yesterday.

A department survey indicated that if farmers carry out intentions expressed Dec. 1, the number of pigs produced during the 1945 spring season will be 7 per cent smaller than this year's spring crop.

The War Food Administration, on the other hand, had urged an increase of 2 per cent.

If borne out, the forecast of reduced production would be felt in civilian pork supplies available next fall and winter.

Previous reports had forecast per capital civilian supplies of all meat in 1945 between 123 and 132 pounds compared with 143 this year, with the decrease coming in the form of pork. These figures were based upon the assumption that the WFA goal would be met.

Marketing difficulties, some dissatisfaction with hog prices, and reductions in feed supplies in some areas were said to be factors contributing to the decline in hog production.

Commenting on the outlook, the department said "an organized campaign to increase farrowings of sows above the number now indicated could result in bringing 1945 farrowings up to or even above those of the spring of 1944."

The department report estimated the 1944 fall pig crop at 31,325,000 head compared with 47,672,000 in the fall of 1943. Total production in 1944 was 86,753,000 or 29 per cent below the 1943 record of 121,706,000.

Reserve Board Warns Against Farm Land Boom

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve Board said there is still a danger of a disastrous farm land boom such as occurred during the first World War.

Land values rose steeply during both wars. The difference so far is that farm mortgage loans have not soared in this war as they did between 1914 and 1923.

But there are indications that the steady decline in mortgage loans since 1923 has slowed almost to the stopping point. In fact, there has been little decline during 1944.

The Reserve Board, therefore, cautions in its December bulletin:

That if mortgage indebtedness were to start upward, accompanied by a continued rise in farm values, this would constitute a serious threat to agricultural stability in the immediate postwar period.

The board said the demand for farms is likely to increase in the next three years. Because of high farm income during the war, the value of farm real estate has already increased 44 per cent above the 1935-39 average.

Though the board doesn't discuss the subject of returning veterans, many servicemen are planning to buy farms with loans obtained under the "G. I. Bill of Rights."

Carloadings Decline 5.5 P. C. in Week; 1.2 P. C. Below '43

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Association of American Railroads reported that 749,883 cars of revenue freight were loaded during the week ended Dec. 16.

This was a decrease of 43,671 cars, or 5.5 per cent, compared with the preceding week; a decrease of 8,998 cars, or 1.2 per cent, compared with the corresponding week a year ago, and an increase of 6,822 cars, or 0.9 per cent, compared with two years ago.

Loadings by classifications, with increase or decrease from the previous week and the corresponding week a year ago, follow:

		—Decrease from—	
	Last week	Previous week	Year ago
Miscel. freight	377,381	9,924	*28,720
Less-than-carlot mdse.	102,058	4,754	*3,328
Coal	142,863	26,842	34,216
Grain & grain products	44,678	*428	3,895
Live-stock	19,234	13	*2,215
Forest products	39,408	421	2,370
Ore	11,115	1,069	1,166
Coke	13,145	216	1,614

*Increase.

Heinz Co. Announces Personnel Changes

PITTSBURGH (AP)—H. J. Heinz 2d, president, has announced the resignation of E. D. McCafferty, director, vice-president and secretary of H. J. Heinz Company, effective Jan. 1. He will be succeeded as director and secretary by his son, T. B. McCafferty, now assistant secretary.

Also announced was the election of R. G. Shinabarger and J. H. Letsche, both directors, as vice-presidents. Mr. Shinabarger is in charge of manufacturing in the United States and Canada and Mr. Letsche is personnel director.

Elastic Stop Nut Gets Year-End Hearing Recess

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The year-end hearing recess requested by counsel for Elastic Stop Nut Corporation of America, Union, N. J., has been granted by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The recess will last ten days. Hearings will be resumed Jan. 2.

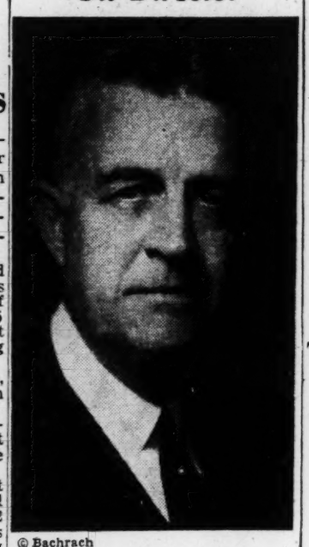
Public hearings on the investigation of the company's registration statement and its application for listing its common stock on the New York stock exchange began last Friday during the second period of the stock's suspension from trading.

The trading ban was ordered Nov. 29 following the suicide of William T. Hedlund, company president.

1944 Cotton Ginnings

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Census Bureau reported that cotton of this year's crop ginned to Dec. 13 totaled 10,537,569 running bales, excluding linters. That compares with 10,770,709 bales a year ago, and 11,744,992 bales two years ago.

Oil Director



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Gayer G. Dominick

Of the investment banking firm of Dominick & Dominick, New York, who has been elected a director of the Shell Union Oil Corporation.

U. S. Consumer Spending Seen At New Peak

WASHINGTON (AP)—American consumers are ringing up a new spending record this year.

The Commerce Department estimated that 97 billion dollars will have been spent for goods and services in 1944. That's 6 per cent bigger than last year. It's more than half again as big as 1939 spending, which totaled $61,700,000,000.

There's a war on. But the department said enough civilian goods were produced in 1944 to satisfy most of consumers' wants. There were "some inconveniences but no hardships."

Rising prices account for some of the increased spending, but not all. The actual quantity of goods and services bought this year has been somewhat larger than in 1943.

Civilians spent two billion dollars more for food than they did last year, even though prices averaged slightly less than in 1943, according to the Commerce Department report.

The consumers laid down 9 per cent more money for clothes than in 1943, but since there was a 7 per cent rise in prices, the quantity was little changed.

As for durable goods, like furniture and autos, the quantity sold was 10 per cent less than last year. But consumers spent about the same for the goods, because of price rises. Furniture, especially, got more expensive, said the department, but even with higher prices less money was spent for furniture.

It was increasingly harder to buy some items in 1944, such as radios and low-priced children's clothing. Such items either weren't being made, or were produced in insufficient volume and stocks were getting low.

There were "temporary shortages" in certain other items, like high-grade meats and cigarettes. Also:

"The unprecedented Christmas buying of the last quarter of the year may seriously deplete stocks of many items such as men's and women's underwear, rayon hose, and men's shirts."

Consumer spending for service continued to rise during 1944, but not quite so fast as in the other war years. Most of the increase was the result of higher prices—notably for domestic help. And get this:

"While the quantity of services increased slightly over the war period, the quality deteriorated steadily and substantially."

Would Halt Curbs On Low-Cost Shoes

NEW YORK (AP)—A temporary end to rationing of shoes costing $3.50 a pair or less has been urged by Edward Atkins, secretary of the National Association of Popular Price Shoe Retailers, an organization of manufacturers of such shoes.

The public has held its ration coupons for higher priced shoes, Mr. Atkins said, and has "refused to spend them for the popular priced footwear."

Mr. Atkins declared 15,000,000 pairs of leather shoes are thus virtually "frozen" to dealers shelves.

"The shoe rationing system has operated like a glacier," the shoe trade association man said, "freezing one price line after another in its path.

"A year ago the public resisted $3 rationed shoes. Now there are many $4 shoes being left on shelves no one can predict how far up the price path the freeze will take hold. A temporary release from rationing at $3.50 of frozen stocks would spur a desirable flow of goods at these non-inflationary prices."

Five-Year Farm Loan Adjustment Bill Signed

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt has signed legislation authorizing cancellation or adjustment of various five-year or older crop, feed, drought relief and other loans to farmers.

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to compromise or cancel such loans provided:

The indebtedness has been due for five years or more, the debtor is unable to pay in full and has no reasonable prospect of doing so, the debtor has acted in good faith in an effort to meet his obligation, and the principal is not in excess of $1,000.

He could also cancel and discharge such indebtedness "at his discretion" when the amount is less than $10 or if the debtor is deceased and there is no reasonable chance of recovering from his estate.

The House Agriculture Committee said in its report that more than 1,100,000 separate accounts totaling about $165,000,000 are involved.

War Demands Seen Pushing Reconversion Over Horizon

Last of four articles on the effect of the new war tempo on the home economy.

By Harold Fleming
Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK—Previous article pointed out that heavy fighting by American soldiers has put a pincers on the home economy, particularly on the manpower situation, since it calls for more men both for induction into the armed services and to man the lathes and assembly lines to turn out the munitions now being chewed up faster and faster in battle.

In both cases the net effect will be to withdraw the additional men from the production of civilian goods and services. Thus the movement toward reconversion is reversed, and the trend in 1945 is likely to be toward a shrinkage in the manpower in peacetime industries rather than toward the expansion expected last summer.

Tapping the Civilian Economy

So far the means of achieving this is limited chiefly to a re-extension of the draft from the age of 26 up to the age of 37, so as to reach those of the 4,200,000 men in this group now enjoying occupational deferments.

But other methods are also on the cards. The civilian economy is likely to be tapped in still further ways. For instance, the War Production Board is working on plans to get the temporary "loan" into war industries of workers in commercial establishments in manpower-tight war-industry areas. Selective Service is experimenting with the idea of giving returned servicemen what might be called a "leave of absence" from the Selective Service Act's requirement that they must apply for their old jobs within 90 days to be entitled to them. The idea is that they be allowed to work in war industries (where the old job is in producing civilian goods or services) without the time so spent being counted against the 90 days.

And Selective Service has already broached to Congress the idea of extending the draft threat so as to urge youthful 4-F's into war industry, and also of extending it up to the age of 45 for the purpose of pushing men from 37 to 45 (i. e., those not reached by the recent extension of the draft from 26 up to 37) also into war industry.

Lives Ahead of Munitions

A most important meaning to the whole situation was indicated in General Somervell's speech earlier this month before the National Association of Manufacturers.

In this speech he laid heavy stress on the fact that the increased munitions are sought by the Army primarily to save the lives of American soldiers.

Thus he said, ". . . we would rather fire a ton of munitions than lose a single American soldier." He called this the American way of waging the war, saying, "We sent our men into war with this promise: You shall have an overpowering weight of everything it takes to win." He pointed out that enormous Russian casualties before Stalingrad were due to their lack of matériel, and cited the fact that in the Pacific war the Japanese had lost over 277,000 men to our 21,000, or in the ratio of about 13 to 1. "Proof that our kind of war pays off," he said, "lies in the men who will come home again."

It seems likely that this view will carry overwhelming public support in 1945, if it does not have it already. Prospective casualties even at the present rate will run around 800,000 during 1945, and this is likely to cause public opinion to support the view that the purpose of American war industry is not merely to guarantee victory, but to guarantee it at the smallest possible loss of American life.

Living Standard a Casualty

This, however, has a very important meaning for the home economy in the next year or two. It means an important change in the yardstick by which the output of munitions is to be measured. During the last year there has been a feeling that the existing enormous output of arms and ammunition was sufficient; and therefore it was allowed to level off for the last 12 months. The gauge or yardstick was the output necessary to win the war. And this is a limited amount, even though the limit is very high.

From here on, however, with the newly felt goal of saving the lives of American soldiers and sailors, there can be no limit to the desirable amount of war industry output. With battle casualties piling up weekly, the only limit to the transfer of workers from civilian to war industry is likely to be Washington's guess as to the degree to which the American public will be willing to forego the "standard of living to which it has become accustomed."

And this is likely to apply after V-E Day as well as before. For hundreds of thousands more of American soldiers, sailors, and fliers will then be transferred to the Pacific area.

This means that "for the duration," the present war economy, with its characteristic manpower shortage and "sellers' market for labor," is likely to persist until the last gun is fired—which is likely, it now appears, to be some time off.

Conversion Over the Horizon

This is further confirmed by the fact that Army and Navy are apparently decided to fight the Pacific war all-out, after the European war is over. There had been some talk that after Germany's defeat the Pacific war might be waged as a sort of "colonial war," "with one hand," so to speak. But Somervell's estimate that the Pacific war alone, after Germany's defeat, would cost $71,000,000,000 a year indicates very little recession from the present rate of spending (around $95,000,000,000 a year). And the Navy's attitude is indicated by the fact that it has pushed its operations in the Pacific "ahead of schedule."

Thus reconversion is in effect pushed over the horizon and a full-out war economy is indicated for the indefinite future.

This in turn makes full-out industrial activity, and a labor shortage, more likely even after the war is ended. For it means that the deferment of civilian outlays, and the accumulation of public "savings" is to be continued for the duration and perhaps at an accelerated pace.

Thus the return of the prewar economy, with a manpower surplus and a "buyers' market for labor," is also pushed further and further away. In fact, it is pushed so far into the future that public habits of thinking may turn out to have been so radically changed by the years of war economy that it will never be allowed to return at all.

As has been pointed out frequently on this page in recent years, the pattern of the postwar economy may, after all, be set neither by the postwar planners nor by the prewar designers of ideal economic and political systems, but by a continuance indefinitely of the essentials of the present war economy.

(Concluded)

Freight Ton-Miles Gain in 11 Months

WASHINGTON (AP)—Class I railroads carried 679,814,742,000 ton-miles of freight during the first 11 months of 1944, compared with 666,024,936,000 ton-miles carried in the like period of 1943, the Association of American Railroads said.

The 1944 total was 17 per cent greater than 1942 and 2¼ times the ton-miles volume of the first 11 months of 1939.

The November, 1944, ton-miles total was approximately 59,400,000,000, or 1 per cent under the November, 1943, total.

Servel to Sell Preferred Stock

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Servel, Inc., Evansville, Ind., has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement covering 60,000 shares of $4.50 cumulative preferred stock to be offered by Kuhn Loeb & Co.

Proceeds will be added to general funds for postwar needs.

Iron Ore Consumption Off Sharply in November

CLEVELAND (AP)—Iron ore consumption by furnaces during November declined sharply from a like period in 1943, monthly report of the Lake Superior Iron Ore Association showed.

Last month, United States and Canadian furnaces consumed 6,882,696 gross tons of ore, compared with 7,409,213 tons in the same month last year. The November figure was also lower than October's total of 7,319,948.

The cumulative total for the first 11 months was 80,156,816 tons, or approximately 1,360,000 tons under the corresponding period of 1943, the report noted.

On Dec. 1 there were 169 furnaces in blast compared with 172 on Nov. 1 and 183 on Dec. 1, 1943.

War Loss Claim Extension Signed

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt has signed a measure extending the time for filing claims of war losses for computing income tax deductions.

It also extends the time before several other provisions of the internal revenue code become effective.

The time for filing claims for credit or refund based on overpayment because of failure to take a deduction for a war loss for a taxable year beginning in 1941 was extended from March 15, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945.

The grace period for releasing the power of appointment of administrators to manage estate and gift taxes without incurring any tax liability was extended from Jan. 1, 1945 to July 15, 1945.

Changed from Dec. 31, 1944 to March 15, 1945 was the deadline for adjusting pension, stock bonus, profit sharing and annuity plans to meet requirements of the internal revenue code.

Department Store Sales 16 P. C. Ahead of Year Ago

WASHINGTON (AP) — Department store sales last week were 16 per cent greater than in the corresponding week of 1943.

Reporting this, the Federal Reserve Board said the dollar volume of sales during the four weeks ended Dec. 16 was 18 per cent above last year's corresponding period. For the year to date, sales were up 10 per cent.

The Atlanta and Dallas federal reserve districts, embracing a Deep South strip from Georgia all the way over to part of Arizona, reported sales up 27 per cent last week as compared with 1943. The Kansas City district was up 23 per cent, Philadelphia 19, Boston, New York, and Richmond 18, St. Louis 17, San Francisco 14, and Cleveland 9. No separate reports were in for the Chicago and Minneapolis districts.

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Wholesale Prices At Highest Level Since Start of War

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bureau of Labor Statistics commodity price index advanced during the week ended Dec. 16 to the highest level since the war began, the Labor Department announced.

The increase of 0.2 per cent for the week was caused by seasonally higher prices for eggs and apples and upward adjustments in prices for wheat and hogs, the department said. The bureau's index at 104.4 per cent of the 1926 average was 0.3 per cent above the level of four weks ago and 1.5 per cent higher than at the same time last year.

Commodity Groups	(1926=100) Dec. 16 1944	Dec. 9 1944	P.C. Changes to Dec. 16, 1944, from Dec. 9 1944	Dec. 18 1943
All commodities	*104.4	*104.2	+0.2	+ 1.5
Farm products	125.6	124.4	+1.0	+ 3.1
Foods	105.7	105.4	+0.3	0
Hides & leather	116.7	116.7	0	— 1.0
Textile products	98.9	98.9	0	+ 1.7
Fuel, light mtls	83.7	83.7	0	+ 1.3
Metal & prod	*103.9	*103.9	0	0
Building mat'ls	116.4	116.4	0	+ 2.6
Chem & allied	104 8	104.8	0	+ 4.5
Housefurnish'gs	106.1	106.1	0	+ 1.6
Miscel com	93.9	93.9	0	+ 1.0
Raw materials	115.1	114.3	+0.7	+ 2.7
Semi-mfd atcls	94.7	94.7	0	+ 1.7
Manuf'd prods	*101.3	*101.3	0	+ 0.9
Com other than farm prod'ts	*99 8	*99.8	0	+ 0.9
Com other than farm & foods	*99.0	*99.0	0	+1.2

*Preliminary.

Retail Sales Gain 11 to 15 Per Cent

NEW YORK (AP)—Holiday gift buying dropped somewhat this week from the season's peak a week ago, but retail sales were 11 to 15 per cent higher than last year, according to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.

"Customers' willingness to accept higher priced merchandise was said to be partly responsible for the gain in dollar volume over last year," the private business research firm said.

Women's wearing apparel and first-floor articles shared in the high sales volume with "luxury" items such as jewelry, cosmetics and small leather wear popular. Sales in lingerie departments were termed "tremendous" and dress and coat buying for gifts was said to be heavier than in recent years. In resort wear, beach fashions were selling particularly well.

Regional percentage gains were: New England, 8 to 10; East, 12 to 16; Middle West, 9 to 13; Northwest, 8 to 12; South 13 to 17; Southwest, 11 to 15; and Pacific Coast, 15 to 19.

Shortage of Work Clothes For Civilians Seen Greater

WASHINGTON (AP)—The shortage of work clothing for farm families will get worse before it improves, Representative Scrivner (R) of Kansas, said.

The Kansan recently wrote the War Production Board about the overall, work glove and housedress situation. WPB Chairman J. A. Krug replied "we are in the midst of a growing scarcity of all cotton fabrics for civilian use" and "for some time to come, work clothing for civilians will be in extremely limited supply."

Firm's Name Changed

NEW YORK (AP)—The name of Aircraft Accessories Corp. has been changed to Aireon Manufacturing Corp., R. C. Walker, president, announced here.

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$223,292,000 Gold Regained By Belgium

NEW YORK (AP)—The transfer of $223,292,833 in fine gold from the account of the Bank of France to the account of the National Bank of Belgium has been announced by John Foster Dulles, counsel for the Belgian bank, who said the action ended litigation based on the transfer of Belgian funds by France to the German Reichbank.

Mr. Dulles said that during the litigation, which the Belgian bank began in 1941, approximately $500,000,000 in gold on account with the Federal Reserve Bank for the Bank of France was attached by the Belgian bank. The attachment was the largest ever made, he said.

The case was settled by agreement last October. Instituted in New York Supreme Court, it had reached the United States Supreme Court.

"After the liberation of France," Mr. Dulles said, "prompt steps were taken by the Bank of France to assure that the relations between the two central banks would be on that basis of mutual confidence which had long prevailed between them."

Mr. Dulles, who was Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's foreign affairs advisor in the Presidential campaign, said the litigation was based on events during the winter of 1939-40, when the Belgian bank entrusted its gold to the Bank of France for safekeeping.

After France was invaded, he said, the French shipped the gold to Dakar, and when the Bank of France came under control of the Vichy Government, the gold was flown to Marseilles, delivered to the Reichbank and later sent to Germany.

Mr. Dulles described the shipment to Germany as "outrageous" and said one of France's major items of business after its liberation was to make a settlement with Germany for the gold. The Bank of Belgium has agreed, he added to help the Bank of France "recover from the German government or the Reichbank" all the gold.

State Senator Frederic R. Coudert, Jr., member of Coudert Brothers, attorneys for the Bank of France, confirmed the transfer, asserting that the Vichy Government had "compelled" the bank to turn over the gold to the Reichbank.

He said the Bank of France made the settlement even though it had "several good defenses" to the Belgian bank's damage suit.

President Signs Silver Act Extension

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt has signed legislation extending from Dec. 31, 1944 to Dec. 31, 1945 the expiration date of a law authorizing use of government-owned silver for war purposes.

The act specifies that no silver shall be sold by the Government at less than 71.11 cents an ounce.

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Sports News

Brown Gives Party for Ice-Capades Cast

By Gordon Campbell
Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Among all the cities in this country and Canada where they play, members of Ice-Capades rank Boston high on the list. That's not just because they always draw well here or because the audiences are demonstratively appreciative.

It goes a little deeper than that, and the reason leads back to Lieut. Col. Walter A. Brown, manager of the Boston Garden who is on leave of absence for the duration. One of the best-known and best-liked of sports promoters in the country, Walter every year gives the cast of the show a Christmas party, and this year it will be held at the Manger on Dec. 24, the night before Ice-Capades of 1945 opens at Boston Garden.

Press Parties

Of course in all the big cities press parties are held for Ice-Capades, as they usually are for other big shows, but this party is a little different. After all, most of the cast are away from home, and this is sort of special. It is Walter's Christmas present to the boys and girls, the stars, and the persons behind the scenes, and they appreciate it.

If you could drop in, you would see them all. There would be lovely Donna Atwood, and the "Old Smoothies"—Orrin Markhus and Irma Thomas, and Condon and Bohland, and Jimmy Lawrence, and Anne Robinson, and Trixie, and Phil Taylor, and Eric Waite, and little Chuckie Stein, and Marilyn Quinn, and Al Surrette, and Eleanor Meister, and Red McCarthy, and Nate and Edythe Walley, and the 90 members of the famous Ice-Capet line.

Enjoy Themselves

Walter usually makes a brief appearance and speech of welcome. Some newspapermen drop in for a short visit, either to get a story or to renew acquaintances. But by and large the evening is for the skaters and the personnel of the show, and they really enjoy themselves.

There are gifts all around, and the owners of Ice-Capades give every one a War Bond, a custom they started three years ago. And then, too, there are the usual nonsensical gifts—such as happened last year when one of the girls in the line got a baby pig (alive), and one of the fellows got a bowl of goldfish.

All in all it brings a happy end to the calendar year for them, winds up their week's layoff, and sends them into their 17-day stay here full of enthusiasm.

Production Numbers

This year's show contains seven huge production numbers, headed by the Spanish Fiesta scene which features Donna. Other major spectacles include "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," "At the Ice Door Canteen," "Dresden Holiday," "Sun Valley Winterlude," and the finale, "The Royal Canadian Northwest Mounties."

The show opens Christmas night and runs through January 10. There will be no showing of Ice-Capades on Dec. 28 or Jan. 2, due to regularly-scheduled Bruins hockey games. There will be matinees on Saturdays and Sundays, and a special afternoon showing on New Year's Day.

Sports Mirror

By the Associated Press

Today a Year Ago

Last-minute defeat of Notre Dame's unbeaten football team by Great Lakes was voted No. 1 surprise of year in Associated Press poll.

Five Years Ago

Connie Mack, president and manager of Philadelphia Athletics, observed his 77th anniversary.

Ten Years Ago

Harold McSpaden won Pasadena, Calif., golf open with 281.

Yale's Bob Kiphuth Lists Evolution of 100-Yard Swim

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

SAN FRANCISCO — Through the kindness of Malcolm Macdonald of the Pacific Association of the A. A. U., we had the pleasure of studying the informative table compiled by Bob Kiphuth of Yale University. This shows the evolution of the 100-yard freestyle swimming record from the time 60 seconds was first made, to Alan Ford's record of 49.7 seconds.

Kiphuth, who has won a national and international reputation as a swimming coach, also gave the place of the event and the nationality of the various record-breaking swimmers. One of the interesting things brought out was the manner in which the record changed from nation to nation. First the record was held by an Englishman. Next, three Australian sprinters retained it for their country for a period of eight years. Then in 1906, Charles M. Daniels of the New York Athletic Club brought the record to the U. S. A. and it has been held by a representative of this country since.

Not Official

First to officially swim the 100-yard freestyle in 60 seconds was J. H. Derbyshire of England on Nov. 2, 1897, at Glasgow, Scotland. Five years later on July 24, 1902, F. C. V. Lane of Sydney equalled that performance at Manchester, England. Dick Cavill of the famous swimming family of that name of Sydney, swam the distance in 58.6 in a handicap race at London, England, on Sept. 23, 1902. However, while Cavill's time was authentic, it was not officially recognized.

Lane was the first to officially break 60 seconds when he placed the time at 59.6 at Leicester, England, on Oct. 9, 1902. Dick Cavill finally secured official recognition on March 28, 1903, when he registered a time of 58.6 at Sydney and on Jan. 18 of the following year lowered his own record to 58 seconds. However, this only stood until Nov. 26 of the same year when a fellow Australian, Cecil Healy, brought the record down to 57.6.

One year later, July 18, 1905, Scott Leary of The Olympic Club won the honor of being the first American to officially swim the 100 yards in one minute, the place of achievement being Portland, Ore., during the Lewis and Clark Exposition. However, as the world record at that date stood at 57.6, Leary's name does not appear in the Kiphuth table.

American Crawl

Washington's Birthday, 1906, proved to be an important day in the annals of speed swimming as it was on that date that the star of the New York Athletic Club, Charles M. Daniels, brought his country into the 100-yard record table when he tied Cecil Healy's record of 57.6. What made Daniels' performance still more significant was the fact that he used what is now known as the American crawl. One month and a day later, Daniels lowered the world record to 56 seconds and from then on the record has been held by a representative of the United States. Daniels further reduced his time to 55.4 on Sept. 7, 1907, and to 54.8, April 7, 1910.

Then came Duke Kahanamoku, who lowered the record to 53.0 by degrees between July 5, 1913, and Sept. 5, 1917. Another Hawaiian, P. Kealoha, tied the Duke's time on Aug. 1, 1921. Then Johnny Weismuller appeared on the scene and by the time he was through competition, he had placed the record at 51 seconds, made in the pool of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, April 5, 1927.

Weismuller's record resisted all efforts of the freestyle swimmers for nine years and then it was another New York Athletic Club star, Peter Fick, who tied the record at Chicago, April 2, 1936. H. Johnson also swam the distance in 51 seconds at New Haven, Conn., Feb. 11, 1942, and W. Prew duplicated that performance in the same pool on April 14 of the same year.

Alan Ford tied the Weismuller record of 51 seconds on Aug. 14, 1942; lowered it to 50.7 on Jan. 30, 1943; to 50.6, Feb. 13; to 50.1, Jan. 29, 1944; swam the distance on March 18, 1944, in 49.7; and repeated that remarkable performance on March 25 of the same year. As Bob Kiphuth's table shows, it took almost 47 years to reduce the record for the 100-yard freestyle swim from 60 seconds to 49.7 seconds. **H. Archie Richardson**

Petersen Bowling Tournament Jan. 27

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP) — Bowling's richest individual tournament, the individual Petersen classic, has hit a new high in entries and cash awards.

Competing for a total cash outlay of $43,200 will be 1,728 of the country's top keglers, as compared to last year's record prize of $30,400 and 1,216 bowlers. First prize in the classic for high score for eight games across 16 alleys will be $5,100, the games highest singles award. It will run from Jan. 27 through Feb. 11.

Scheduled to be held concurrently with the classic is the doubles tourney, more than 700 teams competing for $16,800 cash awards.

Bill Nicholson 1944 Homer, RBI Champion Again

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Bill Nicholson of the Chicago Cubs was just about the most feared man at the plate in the National League last summer and official figures released today tell the reason why.

Although Stan Musial of the Cardinals won his second straight "slugging" title, figured on the ratio of total bases to at bats, Nicholson was only four points behind at .545. The Cub swatter gained the added distinction of becoming the first senior circuit player to double as RBI and home run leader for two years in succession.

Nicholson, a 30-year-old clouter from Chestertown, Md., drove home 122 runs and hit 33 homers. Although Augie Galan of the Dodgers drew the most bases on balls, 101, big Nick was up there close with 93. He bounced into only three double plays, a department led by Ernie Lombardi of the Giants with 23.

Other top ranking "sluggers" behind Musial and Nicholson were Manager Mel Ott of the Giants, .544, Fred "Dixie" Walker, who won the batting title, .529, Phil Weintraub of New York, .524, and Walker Cooper of the Cards, .504.

Vince Di Maggio of the Pirates struck out the most times, 83, for the third straight year and Danny Litwhiler of the Cards was hit most often by pitchers, 10 times.

Ott equalled his own modern league record by drawing five walks in one game, upping his lifetime total to 1,629 bases on balls and 1,777 RBI's. Weintraub fell one short of a major league mark by driving in 11 runs when the Giants batted in all 26 of their scores to establish a big league standard against Brooklyn, April 30, in a game they won, 26-8.

Pittsburgh was toughest to beat when one run meant a ball game, with a 31-20 record for a .608 percentage, although Cincinnati actually captured the most one-run tilts, 37, and had the best record in extra-inning games, 14-3 for .824. The Cards played .711 ball at home and .654 on the road, tops in each case, and captured 26 by the shutout route while losing 10 for a neat .722 average. The team blanked most often was Cincinnati, 16 times.

Blade to Hawks

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—Bill Tobin, president of the Chicago Black Hawks' National League hockey team, said the club had acquired Hank Blade, 26-year-old player just discharged from the Canadian Army. He played wing with the Ottawa Commandoes, a service team the last two years, Tobin said, but had no professional experience.

Al Benton, relief pitcher of the Tigers up to 1942, is back from war and expects to join the Detroit club in the spring.

Chess

By Frederick R. Chevalier

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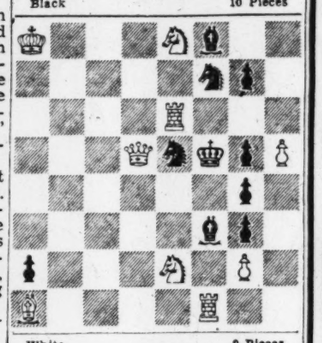
Problem No. 2735

By F. Gamage, Brockton, Mass.
Black 10 Pieces



White 9 Pieces
K3Ktb2/5ktp1/4R3/3QktkpP/6p1/5bp1/-p3Kt1P1/B4R2
White to play and mate in two
(Especially contributed to the Composing Tourney by a composer the excellence of whose work is no secret to the readers of this column.)

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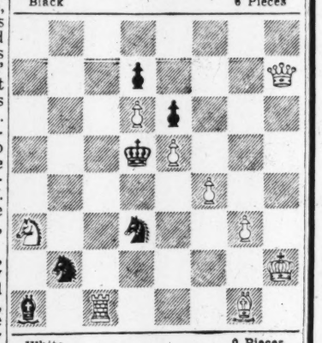
By G. Heathcote
Black 6 Pieces



White 9 Pieces
8/3p3Q/3Pp3/3kP3/5P2/Kt2kt2P1/-1kt5K/b1R3B1
White to play and mate in three
(Pittsburgh Leader, 1909-10.)

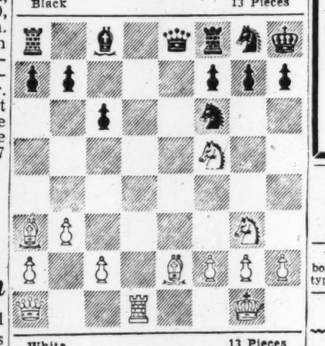
Solutions to Problems

No. 2733. PxP
No. 2734. 1. R-K4 R-KKt3ch
2. KxR
1. ..... R-Q4ch
2. BxR
1. ..... R-K3
2. RxR
1. ..... R-Q
2. R-Q7ch

End-Game No. 730. White wins: 1 Q-QKt. K-Q5; 2 Q-Kt3. QxPch; 3 K-Q6. Q-QR; 4 Q-Kt3ch. K-B5; 5 Q-B3ch. K-Kt4; 6 Q-Kt3ch. K-R3; 7 Q-R4ch. K-Kt2; 8 Q-Kt5ch. K-R2; 9 K-B7, and Black cannot stop mate.

End-Game No. 731

Black 13 Pieces



White 13 Pieces
White to play and win
(Spielmann-Nimzowitsch, Munich, 1905.)

1944 Yearbook

The 1944 Yearbook of the United States Chess Federation, given to all members, will contain records and a selection of games from 1944 tournaments, and an index of chess clubs, leading chess columns. It is edited by Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., Second Vice-President and Counselor.

Individual membership costs only $1, the secretary and assistant treasurer being Paul G. Giers, 2304 South Avenue, Syracuse 7, N. Y. With over 1,900 members, the federation is better able to promote the interests of chess throughout the United States than ever before.

The Golden Treasury of Chess

Of the many collections of games published in the past few years, perhaps the most interesting is Wellmuth's "Golden Treasury," published by Horowitz and Harkness. This book, which first appeared in the spring of 1943, contains 540 games selected from chess literature from 1485 to 1942, each one interesting, exciting, brilliant.

This collection contains games by all of the leading masters, including William E. Napier, whose "Amenities and Background of Chess-Play," published in three units, paper-bound pamphlets, about 10 years ago, is a small, more concentrated bit of golden treasury. Napier, like Wellmuth, knew personally many of the masters represented, and both works are enlivened with reminiscences. Each would make an excellent Christmas gift for chess lovers.

This game, from the 1902 Monte Carlo Tournament, is quoted in both the "Amenities" and the "Golden Treasury." The darling youth boldly offered an Evans Gambit to the veteran Tchigorin, who himself adopted gambits habitually. The result was an exciting win for the attack and a brilliancy prize for Napier.

Evans Gambit

Napier White	Tchigorin Black	Napier White	Tchigorin Black
1 P-K4	P-K4	20 K-R	P-B3
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	21 R-KKt	QR-B2
3 B-B4	B-B4	22 B-B	P-B5
4 P-QKt4	BxP	23 B-R3	BxP
5 P-B3	B-R4	24 Kt-K2	Kt-K4
6 P-Q4	PxP	25 R-Kt2	B-K6
7 Castles	P-Q3	26 Kt-B4	BxKt
8 PxP	B-Kt3	27 QxB	P-KKt4
9 B-Kt2	Kt-R4	28 B-K6	K-R
10 Kt-B3	Kt-K2	29 Q-Q2	P-Kt3
11 B-Q3	Castles	30 BxR	RxB
12 P-Q5	Kt-Kt3	31 P-B4	PxP
13 Kt-K2	P-QB4	32 QxP	Kt-Kt2
14 Q-Q2	B-Kt5	33 QR-KKt	Kt-B4
15 Kt-Kt3	BxKt	34 BxKt	QPxB
16 PxB	Kt-R5	35 Q-Kt4	P-KR3
17 Q-B4	Kt-Kt3	36 Q-R5	Q-KB
18 Q-B5	R-B	37 R-Kt6	K-R2
19 B-B3	R-B2	38 RxPch	Resigns

Marshall Championship

The annual championship tournament of the Marshall Chess Club is now in progress. The game below shows how a former club champion known for his willingness to adopt bizarre openings and pawn arrays found his young opponent ready and able to take advantage of attacking possibilities.

Scotch Game

Finkelstein White	Santasiere Black	Finkelstein White	Santasiere Black
1 P-K4	P-K4	19 Q-B2	Kt-B
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	20 Kt-Kt	Q-B2
3 P-Q4	PxP	21 Kt-Q2	Kt-K3
4 KtxP	B-B4	22 R-R3	Kt-Kt3
5 B-K3	Q-B3	23 Q-B3	Kt(Kt1)-B
6 P-QB3	KKt-K2	24 P-KKt4	PxP
7 B-K2	BxKt	25 QxP	P-B4
8 PxB	P-Q4	26 P-B5	KtxP
9 P-K5	Q-Kt3	27 P-K6	Q-B3
10 Castles	Castles	28 B-KKt5	P-KR4
11 Kt-B3	P-B4	29 Q-Kt2	Q-K4
12 P-B4	R-Q	30 R-K3	QxRch
13 R-B3	B-Q2	31 BxQ	Kt-R2
14 R-Kt3	Q-K3	32 P-K7	R-Q2
15 R-B	B-K	33 BxKt	RxP
16 P-QR3	QR-B	34 P-B6	KR-QB2
17 Q-B2	Kt-Kt3	35 B-K5	Resigns
18 B-Q3	QKt-K2		

National Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts	Goals For	Goals Agst
Montreal	13	4	2	28	72	46
Detroit	11	5	3	25	91	59
Toronto	10	6	2	22	66	57
Boston	8	11	1	17	85	94
New York	8	11	4	10	57	89
Chicago	3	11	3	9	53	79

Cue Artists Split

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP) — Ralph Greenleaf and Willie Mosconi split two matches yesterday in their exhibition pocket billiard series. Greenleaf won 125 to 40 in 16 innings, then lost 125 to 27 in five innings. Mosconi now leads, eight blocks to three, with the last two blocks scheduled today.

White May Quit

ATLANTA, Dec. 23 (AP)—Jo Jo White, Cincinnati Reds' outfielder sold to Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League, says he may forego play next year to continue work with a Detroit company.

White, here on a visit, said, "I don't think I fancy playing out there (West coast). It's too hot."

He once played with Seattle for several years.

Di Maggio Moved

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Sgt. Joe Di Maggio, former New York Yankee centerfielder, told club president Ed Barrow he had been ordered to report at the Army's rehabilitation center in Atlantic City on Dec. 27.

Di Maggio recently was brought to the mainland from Honolulu.

Both Hutts Busy

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 23 (A —When Dale Hutt, former Purdu basketball player, goes out night to play with Ecker's Intermoun tain A. A. U. champions, does h wife, Dorothy, stay home with good book?

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Pension Laws In Argentina Draw Attack

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Dec. 23 (AP) — Discontent with some recent measures of the Government of Gen. Edelmiro Farrell erupted yesterday in a series of full-page newspaper advertisements demanding reconsideration of decrees establishing a pension system for commercial workers and cracking down on chain stores.

The outburst of criticism followed a similar campaign of a few weeks ago against the minimum wage law for agricultural workers which forms an important part of the social-justice program of Vice-President Col. Juan Peron.

Six leading organizations representative of Argentine mercantile interests, including the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, the Argentine Industrial Union, the Argentine Chamber of Commerce, sponsored the advertisements charging that the Government, after inviting collaboration, disregarded their recommendations in framing the pension law.

They complained especially that the retirement age of 55 for men and 50 for women was excessively low and uneconomic and contrary to the practice in countries most advanced in social security legislation.

They called attention to inflationary tendencies in the country which they termed "artificial and the result of monetary credit policies which bear no relation to national economy."

In an open letter 73 business houses demanded annulment of the chain-store measure on the grounds it was "contrary to the national Constitution and fundamental laws of the nation and general interests of the community."

Canadian Envoy

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Who has been named Canadian Ambassador in Washington to succeed Leighton McCarthy, resigned. Mr. Pearson for some time has been Minister Counselor at the Washington Embassy.

West Plans to Let Congress Know of Postwar Problems

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 23—More postwar problems will face the West than some other parts of the United States, and the West's position must be vigorously, continuously, laid before Congress. Moreover, Congress should legislate now for public works to provide temporary jobs for discharged servicemen and for unemployed war workers.

These were the two main points of agreement reached at the Conference of Western Governors, held in Phoenix. Most important final decision reached was to ask every one of the 11 western state legislatures for a $5,000 appropriation to maintain and staff an office in Washington.

Five of the Governors — from Montana, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada, and Arizona—were here in person. The Governors of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, and Colorado were represented by high officials authorized to speak for them. It is believed that the three-day conference afforded an accurate cross-section of western thinking.

Expect Veteran Influx

Strikingly unanimous was the report from every state that the West can expect a great influx of veterans after demobilization, especially those in impaired health. Many servicemen have learned about the mild climate of the West, and its beauties, by being trained in the West. They want to live here. Few of the war workers, drawn to Arizona and the Pacific Coast by defense factories, want to return to their former homes.

Therefore, a great part of the burden of establishing employment in the readjustment period will fall in the West. The states cannot assume that burden alone, and the Governors think it should be a 100 per cent Federal duty.

"It is just as much a part of the cost of war as guns or ammunition," said Gov. Sam C. Ford of Montana.

Gov. John J. Dempsey of New Mexico led in the move to demand that Congress do its postwar appropriating now, so the states may proceed intelligently with their own planning.

Program Outlined

The West's postwar recommendations were epitomized by Ora Bundy of Utah, President of the National Reclamation Association, in 13 points:

1. Orderly disposal of war material so postwar manufacture will not be disturbed.
2. Stockpiling of strategic minerals held by the Government.
3. Building of reservoirs to hold flood and unappropriated waters, and reclamation projects.
4. Removal of all barriers to interstate commerce.
5. Reforestation of areas denuded as a result of the war effort.
6. Co-operation in Federal-aid highway building and public works.
7. Rebuilding of, and necessary extensions to, the highway systems to meet traffic needs.
8. Close co-operation with the Committee for Economic Development and other groups concerned with postwar industry.
9. Immediate preparation of public works plans.
10. Encouragement of experiment to develop natural resources.
11. Encouragement of war industries to remain in the West and of new industries to locate in the West.
12. Encourage development of foreign trade through western ports.
13. Return to the soil those with an agricultural background who left farms to aid the war effort.

Australia Plans Immigration

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 23—With the British fleet moving into the Pacific, Australia is anticipating the prospect of playing host to British tars and Wrens (Women's Royal Naval Service), and not without hope that these visitors may be persuaded to consider making Australia their home.

Acting Prime Minister Francis M. Forde, in a recent statement, declared: "The Government's postwar migration policy gives preference to the people of Britain, especially the men and women of the fighting services, but Australia would also have to encourage in addition migration from the United States and Europe."

Although the welcome mat is prominent on the Australian doorstep, there are major difficulties in the way of putting it into practical use. For instance, presettlement and provision for support of newly arrived settlers, until they are on their feet, constitutes a big problem.

It is questionable whether the prewar Italian method employed in Libya, where newly arrived settlers walked into waiting homes to find food cupboards stocked, domestic animals in the barns and tools in the shed, can be carried out here.

The special difficulty in this respect is that Australia's settlement must be on a grand scale to be effective which limits the possibilities to provide ready-made homes or farms.

Numerous Barriers

A further barrier is finance which undoubtedly accounts for present immigration laws requiring the newcomer to hold a certain amount of landing money.

An examination of the background shows Mr. Forde's statement regarding the paucity of British migrants fits in neatly with the Federal Government's present major immigration scheme to bring in 51,000 child migrants from Europe over a period of three years. This scheme has interesting ramifications.

1. It does not bring the present Labor Government into open conflict with the powerful trade unions on the question of adult newcomers taking away the jobs of Australian workers which has been Labor's traditional objection to large-scale adult immigration in the past.

2. It permits conditioning of future citizens to Australian ways and outlook, thus removing the difficulties attendant upon indoctrination of adult immigrant.

3. It permits the Australian Government to work effectively hand in hand with international bodies such as the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration which it is proposed shall help the Government seek out suitable orphans and other children, and thus give expression to Australia's desire to participate in world reconstruction and rehabilitation.

Declining Birthrate

4. It will offset Australia's declining birthrate. A great factor generally overlooked is the fact that the third aspect, if confined to the selection of European children, will unfortunately serve to emphasize the white Australia policy in the eyes of those Allies who have fought to make possible freedom under which such countries as Australia will be able to develop an unrestricted way of life.

Under this scheme, a commonwealth director of migration has been appointed under the Minister of the Interior and a mission is to be sent abroad to work on the scheme in Britain and Europe.

Laudable as the scheme is, if it is developed logically the Australian citizen will find himself faced with a constantly mounting bill, since the child newcomers will be unable to contribute toward their own support for some years.

Many, therefore, are inclined to favor the policy of inviting the immigration of adults rather than children. In any event, there is no doubt that the world-famed Australian hospitality will be extended with especial warmth to men and women of the British Navy, for whom they have sincere admiration.

Salvation Army to Help Many in New York City

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—Close to 2,000 persons in 500 families throughout Greater New York will have their Christmas season brightened by gifts of food, clothing, checks, toys, linens, blankets, furniture and other items from the Salvation Army, Maj. J. Fletcher Agnew, Director of the Greater New York Service Bureau of that organization, announced today.

"Every effort is being made to relate Christmas giving to the larger needs of the family," Major Agnew said, adding that help will be continued until the family is capable of carrying on alone.

Pirates at Muncie

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates have chosen Muncie, Ind., as their spring training camp for the 1945 season. It will be the third successive spring for the Pirates there.

'G-Suits' Offer U. S. Pilots Aid In Steep Dives

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP) — "G-suits" are the latest togs for Army and Navy fighter pilots.

Both services gave out this bit of military fashion news Dec. 21, the Army announcement going into some detail on the garments designed to keep fliers from "blacking out" in steep dives and other maneuvers.

The Army's "G-Suit"—the "G" is for gravity—is a pair of high-waisted pneumatic pants with built-in suspenders and girdle, and air bladders over the abdomen, thighs, and calves.

The idea is to keep the blood from piling up in the lower extremities, and help the heart pump blood to the brain.

Compressed air from the plane's vacuum system inflates the bladders. Automatic valves control the pressure in relation to the gravity pull.

The War Department said men wearing the suit had been captured by the enemy, so that news of it can be given out without harm.

The Army called its suit an improvement over one previously used by the Navy.

The Navy said when a fighter pilot makes a pass at an enemy the blood may be pulled away from his brain for 20 or 30 seconds under a pressure three or four times his weight. In pulling out of a dive, he may be for a few seconds under a pull eight or nine times the force of gravity. The Navy added:

"Under these circumstances his brain soon becomes foggy and his sight blurred. He is a 'sitting duck' for enemy pilots."

The announcements came shortly after the Canadian Air Force disclosed that it has developed an antiblackout suit. The Canadian outfit has been described as a thin rubber suit with a lining into which water or air is pumped before the flier goes into action.

U. S. Envoy to Canada In Degree Recipients

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

TORONTO — Ray Atherton, United States Ambassador to Canada was one of seven on whom honorary degrees were conferred recently by the University of Toronto.

Others to receive the degree, Doctor of Laws, were Winnifred Cullis, Professor Emeritus of Physiology, University of London; John Ferguson, advisor to the Executive Yuan, National Government of China; John Mott, President of the World's Alliance, Y. M. C. A., founder of World's Student Christian Federation; George Pepper, lawyer, author and United States Senator, and Baron Robert Silvercruys, Belgian Ambassador to Canada. Degree of Doctor of Engineering (honoris causa) was conferred on Dr. C. J. Mackenzie, president of the National Research Council of Canada.

Beet-Juice Briquette Saves Russian Space

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON—Russia is extracting and concentrating sugar-beet juice at the place of production to reduce cost of transportation, in a new method by which the juice is extracted and subjected to evaporation, then converted into a briquette of concentrated juice, the United States Department of Commerce reports.

The briquettes are sent to a large establishment for processing into sugar. Experiments show the juice can be stored in this way for several years without chemical change or loss of sugar content.

The new method is expected to bring rapid expansion in beet planting, higher annual sugar production and speedy restoration of the industry in the Ukraine.

Dr. Cody to Succeed To Chancellorship

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

TORONTO — Dr. H. J. Cody, President of the University of Toronto, was recently elected chancellor of the University by a unanimous vote of the Senate. He retires as President next June, and will complete the 1944-45 term of office left vacant by the passing of Sir William Mulock.

Last September it became necessary to elect a chancellor, and two were nominated, Sir William for continuance in the office he had held since 1934, and Vincent Massey, Canada's High Commissioner to London. Mr. Massey refused to contest the position against Sir William, who automatically was elected, later passed on.

Dr. Cody was nominated for the position at a subsequent meeting of the Senate, and unanimously elected.

Christmas Tree Growers In Canada Restricted

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON—Christmas tree growers and distributors in Canada have been warned by the Government that they face a shortage of manpower, railway transportation equipment and motor vehicles, the United States Department of Commerce reported recently.

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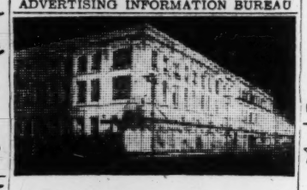

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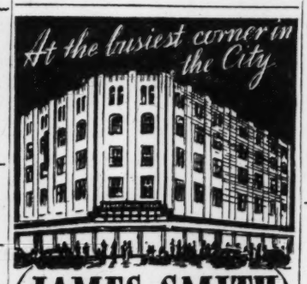

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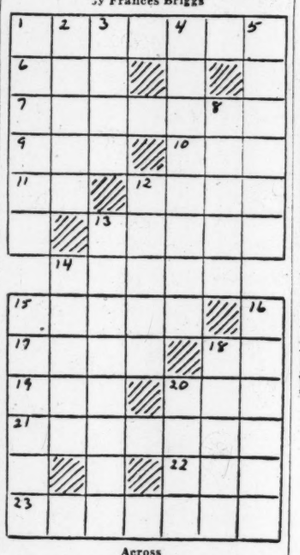

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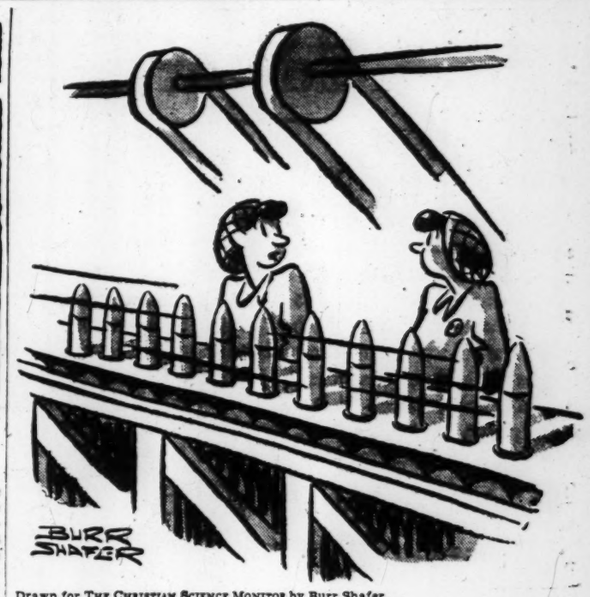

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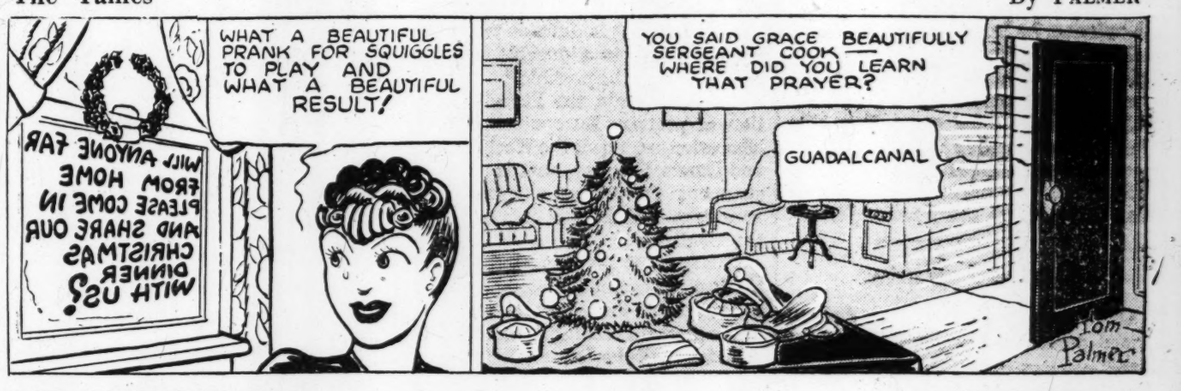
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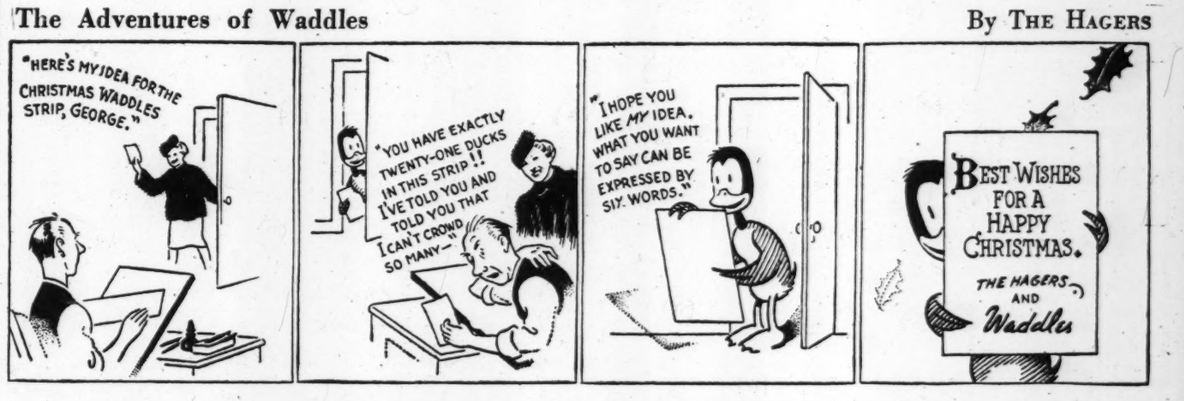
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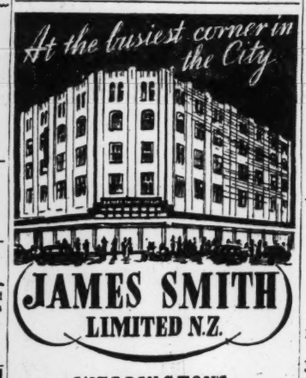

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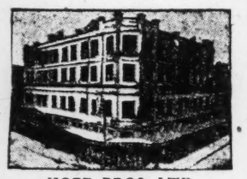

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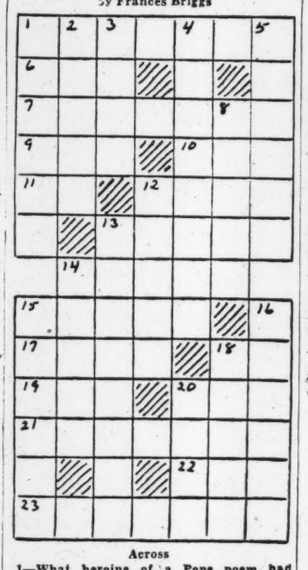

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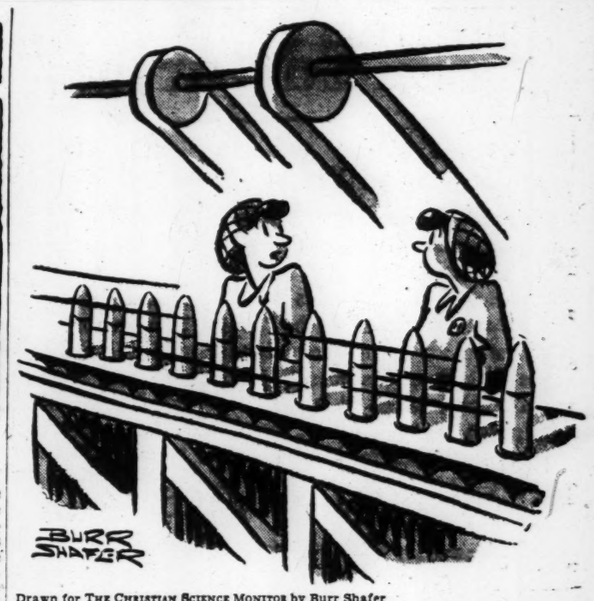

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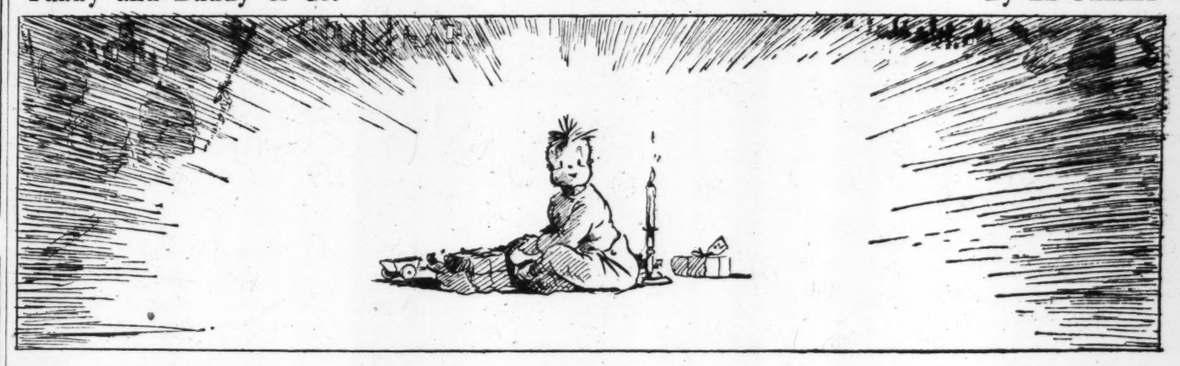

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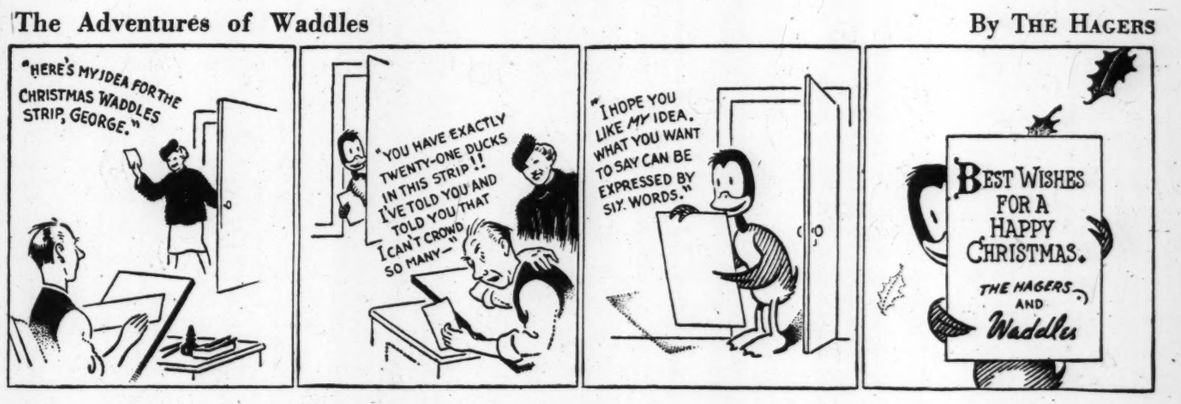
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Editorials

The Message of Christmas

Another Christmas, with the soft, clear ring of the carols almost muted by the harsh dissonances of war. Almost, but never quite. For to the discerning ear the overtones of the Christmas message are made more poignant by the stark dispatches from the battle fronts. That message is for all—soldier, sailor, civilian, parent, child—bringing hope and courage and comfort wherever one may be. Let us listen to its bearer, telling us the purpose of his coming:

> I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

If we truly commemorate this day, we shall improve our understanding of the Christ, relight our faith, and not let the temporary successes of evil darken our vision.

> I came . . . to save the world. . . . I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not.

In these two utterances is a message for every earnest peace seeker, for therein lies the basis for the world's greatest peace hope and the reason for its non-realization in the nineteen centuries that have passed since the Way-shower's coming. There *is* saving for the whole world in Jesus' teachings of love, brotherhood, and the seeking first of the Kingdom of Heaven. These teachings bear a fresh relation to all our problems of today. How better could we honor his coming than by their acceptance and practice?

> I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

No idle words these, for Christ Jesus brought life anew to the daughter of the synagogue ruler, to the son of the widow woman, to Lazarus. And he permitted his enemies to attempt his own destruction that he might prove for us there is no enemy anywhere who can actually deprive God's child of his God-bestowed life. Jesus' positive assurance, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die," was followed by a question to Martha which is equally searching of our hearts this Christmastide: "Believest thou this?"

And when the Master had completed his mission, he left us this promise: "I will not leave you comfortless. . . . I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth." This Spirit of truth is here today to bring comfort to all.

Such is in part the message of Christmas. May it reach every seeking heart.

Orchard Winter

One comes upon the misnamed abandoned orchards beside the stonewall-lined country roads, in a corner of a field thick with brush and weeds, near a vine-covered cellar hole on the brow of a low mountain where a century ago a self-sustaining farm was filled with the happy voices of children.

The tall trees reach gaunt, twisted arms above the growth beneath. Some of the trees have finished their span, and the barkless, smooth, weather-grayed limbs are etched against the winter sky in sharp, angular patterns. Brown, wizened-skinned apples cling to the fruit spurs of living trees and make strings of beads in the air.

Beneath the trees there's a tangle of tall weeds and shrubs. There are clumps of frost-browned goldenrod, high-bush blueberries and junipers, patches of wild pasture roses, and miniature jungles of blackberry bushes. Gray birches lift their spires of small branches into the limbs of the old apple trees; the green of white pines, hemlocks, and spruces makes an irregular pattern among the browns and tans and russets. The red banners of the sumacs are flung jauntily to the cold winds.

But it's far from being an abandoned orchard. The grouse and pheasants delight in its cover, and on chilly mornings, when the frost lies white, they tear the pulp of fallen apples and eat the seeds. Chipmunks and red squirrels clamber to a limb above and follow the same procedure. And when the snow lies over the land the white-tailed deer come to paw the whiteness away and get the frozen fruit. In the dead of winter, the chickadees climb over the trees and the woodpeckers drill into the wood.

A long time ago, men set out these apple trees. Now men no longer use them, but they are not abandoned. They are the gathering places of mankind's wild friends.

Secret Weapons

The Germans like to get our imaginations heated up over secret weapons and to quite an extent we oblige. In fact, we take the eerie outlines of their hints and build them up into very concrete speculations ranging from explosive smoke clouds to electronic rays which are to stop airplane motors in flight. But in practice they turn out to be no more than pretty effective improvements on known weapons or methods.

In World War I the mystery weapon was a siege gun with an extremely long range, poor accuracy and very short life. The first secret weapon in this war to be revealed was a method—the task force, or co-ordination of air, armored, and infantry forces. The robot planes and stratosphere rockets are ambitious developments of the Big Bertha idea; that is, artillery that can reach far behind the battle lines and strike production and civilian morale.

First reports of the current German offensive again spoke of a new and secret weapon. It now shows up as a rocket launcher, more mobile and with as great fire power as conventional field artillery.

All of these surprise weapons have been damaging. But none have been as yet catastrophic nor even beyond the ability of the Allies to match, with equal weapons or with countermeasures. A great part of their effectiveness lies in surprise and in whatever apprehension the advance notices may build up.

France: Eastward, Westward

The de Gaulle tribute to Britain and the United States is timely. It should help to offset insinuations that the pact just concluded between France and Russia is really aimed against France's other Allies.

General de Gaulle made this tribute before the Assembly at Paris. He added that because of the part Britain played in the liberation of France, his country "cannot conceive of a world security not based on an alliance between Paris and London," and that "without the United States it is difficult to see how victory today or a durable peace tomorrow would be possible."

In other words, the French conception of postwar Europe includes collaboration among all the Western Allies and Russia. The new pact is not an instrument for ultimate exclusion of American and British influence from the Continent.

This is not to say, however, that Russia has not gained diplomatically by the timing of the agreement. Russia is at the moment cashing in on the earlier reluctance of the United States to recognize General de Gaulle and on Britain's following the American lead on French policy. By contrast, it has been possible for Russia to claim much credit for France's sudden rise almost to the status of a Great Power once more.

One important result is Russian ability to arrange an alliance in which France seems committed to Russia's view of Poland's position in the pattern of postwar security, especially as regards Russia's demand for rights to send troops across Poland to France's aid. It would now be more difficult for the United States and Britain to oppose this or other Russian intentions in Poland, if they were inclined to, since France's security against Germany now seems involved.

But this is a heritage not only of Russian adroitness, but of earlier Allied confusion over French issues. So long as Britain and the United States are recognized as indispensable to European stability, their influence on the Continent must be enormous, provided their policies are clear and strong. The tone of French press comment on the Russian pact, and the enthusiasm with which the Assembly received General de Gaulle's tribute to Britain, show that the French are looking westward as well as eastward as they seek guarantees for their postwar position as a great nation.

Aunt Hattie says that a New York newspaper recently published a fascinating editorial on beef stew. Several tasty recipes were included, ingredients were described in detail, and various methods of cooking were given. The only thing missing, she says, was information about how to get the beef.

Despite the propaganda about "the joys of snow shoveling," is there any snow shoveler who, deep down in his heart, would not rather be mowing his velvety lawn on a lovely June day?

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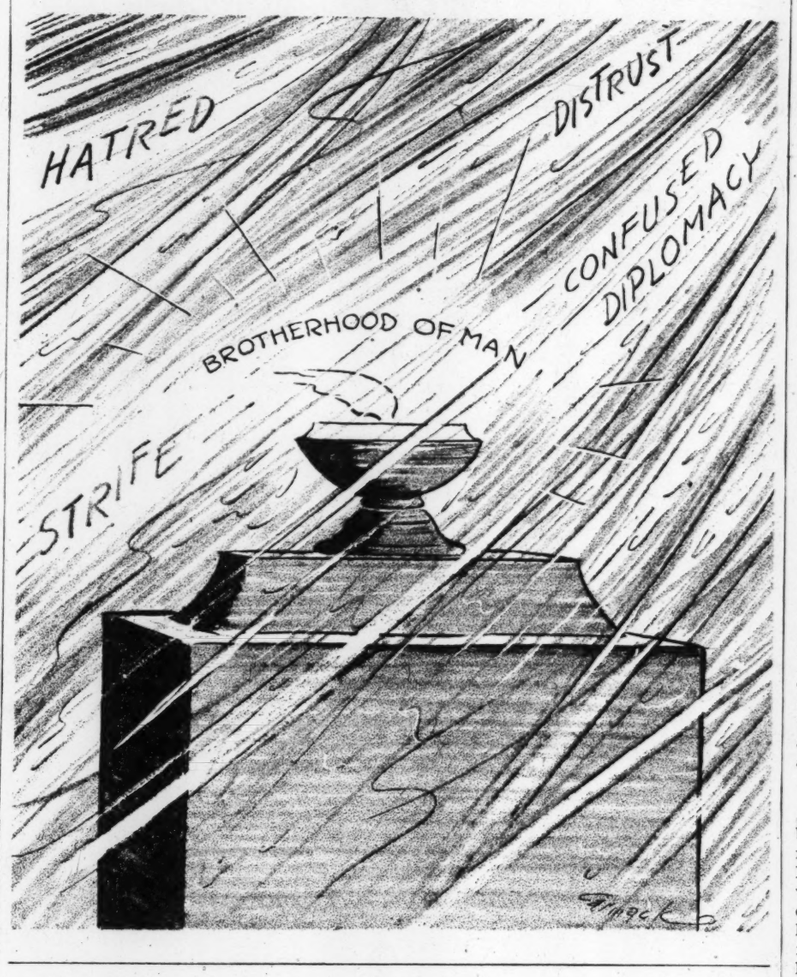

Letter From Leyte

At the end of the G. I. day we slop back through the mud to the empty house in which we have set up our four cots. Having peeled off our mud-caked clothes, we proceed to have ourselves a helmet shower bath in the yard, since it is now dark enough to do so decently, despite the cozy proximity and delighted interest of our Filipino neighbors. The process consists in filling our helmets with well water, then pouring it down each other's backs, so that for a few sweet moments we have the illusion of cleanliness. Then we go to bed.

There is really nothing else to do, though it is only 7 o'clock. Our one lamp is broken. There is no place to go. The mosquitoes are making merry, with an energetic abandon worthy of Walt Disney mosquitoes. So we climb under our nettings, squirm into what passes for a comfortable position, and lie there wide awake and sweating. And, of course, we talk.

Paul, who occupies the next cot, is from New England. He was once a professor of economics, as I was once a professor of English. We talk monetary theory and literary practice, politics and people, but most of all we talk New England. Out of our words a countryside emerges, fresh and lovely, hills and pastures and low stone walls, the pungent smell of pines and the mild taste of blueberries, salt spray on a rocky coast, the white spires of village churches, elm-shadowed streets and loon-haunted lakes. There is pleasure that is almost pain in saying over names that we know: Old Lyme, Petersham, Bennington, Salisbury, Concord, Portsmouth, Cambridge, Cape Ann.

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And through it all, through the lazy pauses of our talk, the silences full of thought, come the sounds of the Filipino night. Some we can identify, some we can't. There are the trucks that roar past the house early and late, rude military intrusions into our privacy, causing all conversation to cease, shaking our cots and deafening our ears with a noise that suggests a tank about to cross one's pillow—assuming one has a pillow, which of course one hasn't. There are those occasional stray shots which we are always at a loss to explain, especially when on one occasion a couple of them appear to be just outside our window. We discuss the possibility of Jap snipers, paratroopers, agents, of private feuds, of public whoopee, of M. P.'s shooting the lights out of the hands of blackout violators; and finally, since nothing further has happened, we dismiss the whole incident.

Of those mightier interruptions when the air is split and the earth is shaken, when the sky seen through our windows blossoms with the sudden crimson petals of tracer bullets and the night is an uproar of furious protest, there is not much I can say. At those times each of us is alone under his own mosquito netting with his own thoughts.

And when they are over, the normal sounds of the Filipino night start up again. There is a cricket or a frog or some such creature which sounds like an automobile horn that has got stuck; one learns miraculously to ignore him. There is a dog that has protracted spasms of barking, caused obviously by sheer boredom. There is a cat that wails bitterly because, so far as we can judge by observation, there is not another cat in town and it feels the burden of its position. There are numerous pigs which "oink" happily around the house during the day, but whose nocturnal imaginations cause them to break out into wildest shrieks.

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There are babies who cry like American babies and presumably for the same reasons. And, strangest of all, about 8 o'clock each night, there is the sound of little girls singing "God Bless America." Not only that, but the little girls are so passionately happy with their performance that they usually repeat it over and over for the best part of an hour. The opening and close of their version is entirely orthodox, but in the middle something happens to it that is not easy to explain. It shifts into a minor key, becomes Oriental, something far removed from the robust sentimentality of Kate Smith. These brown-faced, clear-eyed children, who greet one laughingly during the day and shout "Victory!" from their windows, are making the song their own.

And lying in bed, drowsing off, in the midst of alien darkness and alien sounds, I listen to their strange, thin piping and the familiar tune blurred into unfamiliarity. Then from the mud of the daytime, now silvered by an indifferent moon, I move into a land where there is no far or near, alien or remote, but the comforting sense of unfolding oneness, of a presence that gathers all desires under its brooding wings.

ROBERT PEEL

Not Quite 30 Tales by Quiller-Couch

On the London Literary Front

Occasionally a great delight comes a reviewer's way. It comes with such a volume as Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch's selection from his great output of short stories, Q's SHORTER STORIES (London: Dent. 8/6), the compiling of which was one of Sir Arthur's last activities. It is all very well to notice the painstaking, the conscientious books that flow from the presses on national and international affairs: the ponderous studies of postwar reconstruction, the highfalutin arguments and theories of cosmopolitan reorganization which flood the bookshops. At best, they are generally ephemeral; at worst, they create a pretentious fog.

And they take themselves so seriously. They are as solemn as the Albert Memorial, and just about as useful. Sir Arthur, on the other hand, has no more pretentiousness about him than the lilies of the field. It is well enough, I say, that one should notice the other sort of book, which enjoys what is often only a brief twilight and then is forgotten. But one can put no period to the duration of Q's stories.

Yet there is nothing ambitious about them. They are only trifles: like a jest of Whistler's, like an air of Dr. Arne's, like a snatch of song from the Greek Anthology, like anything that is light and easy and will remain always, somewhere, in some men's memories. Not all the stories are good. "Fortunio" seems to me, though I may be imperceptive on this point, to be so pointless that it must have actually happened. Often Sir Arthur employs the trick of packing the significance of his tale into the last two lines—in "Old Aesop," for example, into the last two words. This is the device that O. Henry used with striking mechanical genius. It is enough to make a clever short-story writer, but in itself it does not amount to much. But O. Henry supported his constructional peculiarity with a style admirably humorous: and Q uses it better still in a subordination to truth of nature. This is excellently illustrated in the story called "School Friends," where a tale that, on the surface, seems a not particularly well-invented anecdote is suffused with a quite new emotional atmosphere by the final paragraph.

Nearly all the tales are brief, many of them are no more than fifteen hundred words long. They have their own surprises, and the "Lady who . . . asked for a Fairy Tale" no doubt did not expect what was given her. Some of them are charming fantasies, like "Silhouettes." And one or two, like "The Paupers," in which an old couple bid each other good-by at the workhouse door in almost the same terms—certainly in the same spirit—as they had pledged their troth fifty-two years before, are pure gold.

Q wrote several volumes of short stories, but the present collection contains less than thirty tales. The author's exquisite modesty has led him to omit many that we would willingly see included.

HAROLD HOBSON

A Pat on the Back for the Home Front

An Intimate Message From Washington

By Mary Hornaday

Two more woman correspondents, one back from China and one from Italy, have just finished telling me that my fellow-Americans and I don't know what this war is all about. Maybe not, but it seems to me Christmas would be a good time to promote a little more appreciation of the home front by the battle front.

This defense of the home front is not intended as an invitation to complacency on the home front. Far from it. The job ahead of the soldier on the battle front and the civilian back home will be longer and more arduous than most of us imagine. More determined effort is needed right today. We don't have to wait until the Army tells us the details of the German advances in Belgium to know that. But won't we be lifted to do more if we get a kindly word now and then for all that we here at home have accomplished?

In many of the news stories emanating from Washington, we—as well as others—have been guilty of keeping our eyes on what the home front hasn't done instead of what it has. Actually, its accomplishment has been tremendous. Without its valiant effort, the United States wouldn't be in the position of leadership it is today.

Take industrial output. Department of Commerce statistics show that the factory output of this Nation today is a little more than double what it was in 1939. That was accomplished with 11,000,000 of the Nation's ablest-bodied men in the armed services.

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The home front has been blamed for battle-front shortages for which it was not responsible. Back in November, President Roosevelt told his press conference that we were not sending enough shells over to the other side with the result that they were having to ration the shells they fired. Pointing out that such stringency is costly in lives, the President laid the blame directly to persons quitting their jobs in this country.

A couple of weeks later, Gen. Brehon Somervell, Chief of Army Service Forces, testifying before the Senate War Investigating Committee, admitted that all battle-front shortages up to that time had been due to transportation difficulties abroad rather than to manpower shortages at home.

There is danger that production of ammunition, tires, trucks, cotton duck and other essential items may not keep up with the increasing tempo of the war, but at that time the home front was being unjustly blamed.

Wouldn't a pat on the back for the workers in noisy, greasy war plants help production more than continual harping on their shortcomings?

Naturally, we are all looking to the day when we can have new radios, automobiles, and refrigerators, but most people are not asking for them until the war is won.

Rather they figuratively are, as J. A. Krug, WPB chairman, suggested the other day, "right down on their knees thanking God that we have been able to keep this war going and to satisfy the civilian needs the way we have and to the extent we have."

The American farmer also deserves a pat on the back this Christmas time. In spite of continual difficulties with manpower and machinery shortages, he is continuing to turn out record crops to feed not only this country but those who have unjustly suffered round the world.

We don't hear anything about droughts and dust bowls in these years of abundance. They went out with the depression. Every once in a while, some ex-farmer at the Department of Agriculture expresses an anxiety that the wonderful growing weather with which the Nation has been blessed can't keep up forever, but it has for all the war years thus far. This year's farm output was about 24 per cent above the 1923-32 average and 11 per cent above production in any season prior to 1942. In States where there was too much rain last spring, farmers, armed with power equipment and a willingness to work long hours, laid their hand to the plow later than usual and came through with bumper crops.

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The most disturbing stories brought back by foreign correspondents from Europe these days are of the hates that are being bred behind the front lines. It may be true that "there are no atheists in foxholes," but behind the lines there seems to be little attempt to "love thy neighbor." Not only are there national and party hates among people of other countries; our own boys, not distinguishing between the error to be hated and the persons expressing it, are beginning to hate the begging, stealing men and women they encounter all around them.

One reporter told about a soft-spoken lad from Louisiana she rode with over the bumpy roads of Italy. The youngster was definitely worried. "Back home," he said, "I used to have love in my heart. Now I am beginning to feel what it is to hate, but these people will steal the leather off these car seats if they get half a chance."

Many soldiers will bring these hates back to America with them, where they may play havoc with American leadership in international co-operation for peace unless the folks on the home front build a strong defense of human understanding where they cannot gain ground. Then there will be some hope for Dumbarton Oaks and "peace on earth," despite the seemingly inevitable growth of nationalism and power axes.

Those who have had experiences on the home front and on the battle front will need to pool them for peace just as they are doing to win the war.

It's Easy to Remember

North . . South . . East . . West

By Frank L. Perrin

Even if there were no calendars or almanacs, no thoughtful reminders, for weeks preceding the event, that only so and so many days remain in which to do your Christmas shopping, there is that something in the very air, and woods, and in the faces of those at home and on the streets to tell us that the holiday season is here. Christmas will come and pass in many strange lands this year. Songs sung by young men and women in strange surroundings, and to strange peoples, will be echoed by waiting loved ones sustained by faith and hope.

No matter how many years or how many holiday seasons may have passed or how many are looked forward to, the days bring, inevitably, the memory of times, places, and loved ones. This is in itself, to those of many Christmases past, a priceless and enduring gift. Time may tardily have brought to some of us a realization of cheerful sacrifices made by those whose unselfish desire was to make those about them happy when there was little to give except that greatest of all gifts, love and tenderness.

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Across all the broad stretch of our northern country, from Maine to the high mountains of the West, there are today many boys and girls of the '60's and '70's who, in retrospect, re-enact vivid scenes of frontier holidays. Those were not, by present-day standards, years of material abundance. In our far northern country, for instance, there were no railroads and no means of transport except the river and lakes. Long before the holidays came these were closed tightly by ice and snow. The mails were carried by stagecoach, and the parcel-post was then unheard of.

The war of the '60's, which to the boys and girls of that period seemed as remote, historically, as the Revolutionary War, had left its blight of poverty and sorrow upon the North as well as the South. Only the young—those too young to remember—were happy. Eight years after the war my bachelor uncle, a veteran of that conflict, invited me to go with him early on Christmas eve, while he paid at least a courtesy call upon a young woman of his acquaintance. She appeared in the "front" room dressed all in white. She was the first woman, young or otherwise, whom I had ever seen so attired. I was shocked, but wisely silent. That holiday season, it was later realized, brought the awaited end to the unofficial years of mourning. White dresses, thereafter, were not alarming.

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How memory persists in slipping back to the days which still seem easiest to remember! There were many in our related families, all, or nearly all, from Maine and York State, and all neighbors within a radius of comparatively few miles. Transportation was by sleigh or wagon. Even buggies were a rare luxury. By agreed rotation the gatherings, particularly at Christmastime, were held alternately at one or the other of the four or five different homes. But memory recalls most vividly those at "our" house, just a little way from the country church, the schoolhouse, and the trout brook. There was a brand of homey hospitality under that spacious roof hard to equal, it seemed to an admiring boy, anywhere.

It was there the soldier uncle, hardly fickle, but surely persistent in his search, brought, on another Christmas day, the lady of his deliberate choice. Their son, now Chief Justice in a Western State, had not then arrived.

Another youngster, later a judge also, disdainful of turkey meat and "stuffing," replied to a concerned inquiry from his host at the head of the table that he wanted something "nourishing." Asked what he would like, he replied, "Bread and molasses, please." Others were there, another future judge, and still another; the doctor-in-embryo; an author-numorist who won world fame. It is easy to remember.

Across the world and on the seven seas, our boys and men, girls and brave women, are today united in a valiant crusade to preserve for themselves and for us something more than political and economic freedom, priceless as these are. They are soldiers in a Christian army determined to perpetuate for themselves and for us, and for the children of generations yet unborn, the spirit of Christmas and the hallowed memories of the Christmas season.

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